



SUSPECT SOUGHT IN HOME INVASION

WHAT WAS TAKEN:

- 1992 Silver Toyota pickup - License # HPW228
 - Two pistols
- Multiple collector knives
- A wallet and checkbook

Anyone with information should call the Grant Co. Sheriff's Office at 859-824-3333.

By Bryan Marshall
Staff Writer

Police are looking for a suspect after a Crittenden home was invaded and the owner was tied up in his bathroom.

Larry Brown, 65, answered a knock on the door of his Alexander Road home around 9 p.m. Feb. 11 only to be tackled while in his wheelchair by an unknown white male.

Wheelchair-bound Crittenden man tied up

The medium-sized suspect, who was wearing a T-shirt like a bandana across his face, a baseball hat and a blue flannel jacket, wrestled Brown to the ground.

"I told him to pick my wheelchair up because battery acid was going to start leaking out," Brown said. "When he refused to do that, I knew something else was going

on. That's when I started fighting him real good. He started to choke me out and I just gave up. He was on top of me. I just figured he was out to rob me."

Brown said the man tied his hands behind his back and told him that he was not going to hurt him.

The suspect then dragged

Brown, who is unable to walk because he has one leg gone at his knee and only half of a foot on his other leg, into a back bathroom.

The suspect eventually untied Brown, but tied the bathroom door shut so Brown could not get out.

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Snow, ice wreck havoc on school calendars

By Bryan Marshall
Staff Writer

With no real option left, the Grant County School Board voted Feb. 13 to use three days of spring break as makeup days.

If no more days are missed as of Feb. 18, then the last day for Grant County Schools will be June 6.

The original last day for Grant County Schools was May 14.

"Taking days away from spring break was a difficult decision for our board as we know there are families and teachers who have made plans for those days," Superintendent Ron Livingood said. "The only other option, however, was to keep going deeper into the summer, and that option presented the same problem. We felt, for instructional purposes, our best option was to return to school as quickly as possible and remain steady and constant in delivering meaningful instruction with minimal interruption, so that is the decision that was made."

DID YOU KNOW?

As of Feb. 18, the last day of school is...

- Grant County - June 6 (with the Board of Education taking three days of spring break)
- Williamstown - May 29

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Library hosts 'Ready to Read'

By Bryan Marshall
Staff Writer

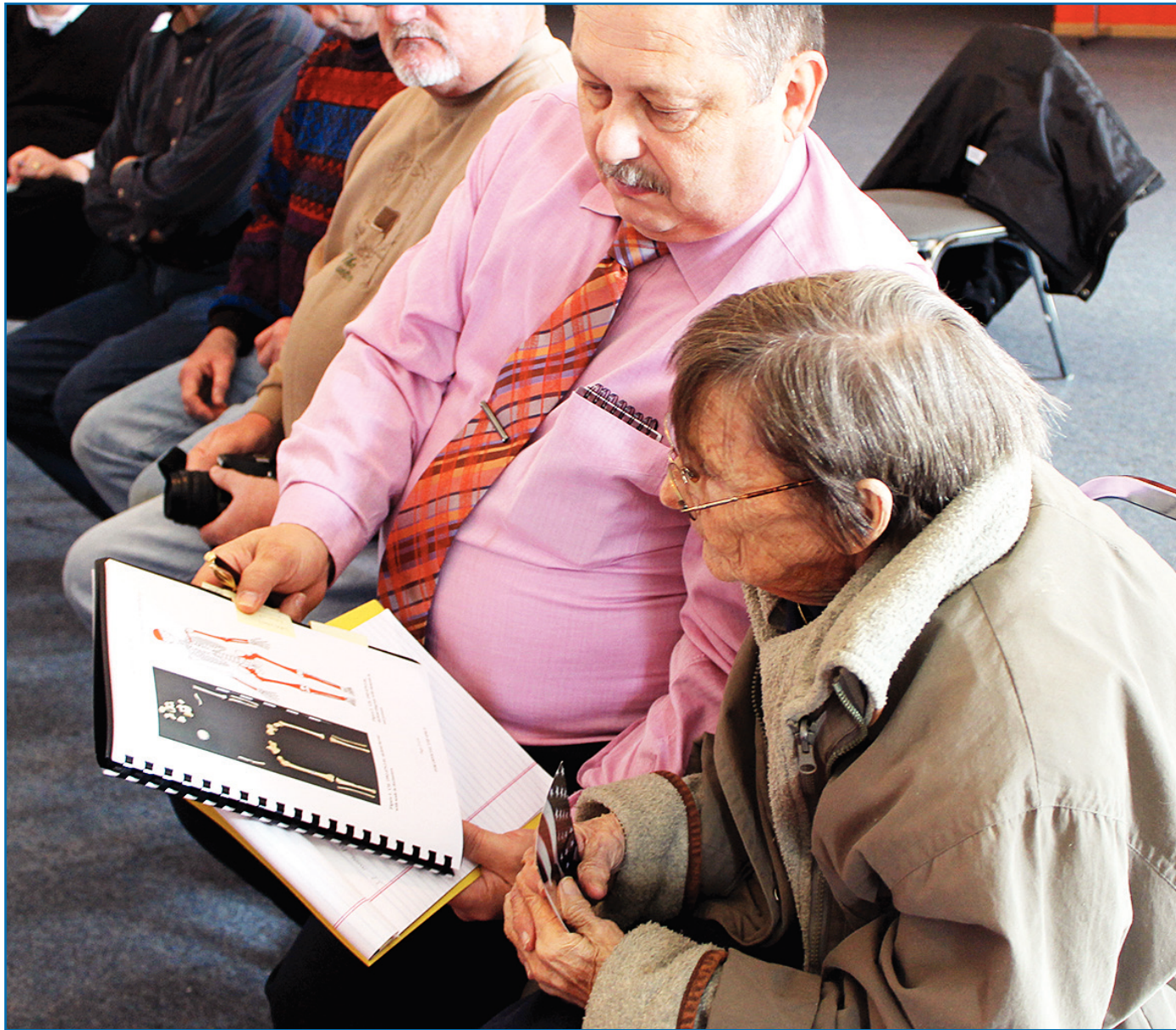
Putting children on the right path to be prepared for school will be the focus of the third annual Ready to Read Early Childhood Fair.

The event targeting preschool children and parents will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Grant County Public Library.

"This program is like a one-stop shop, all the entities are there for them to talk with and ask questions," said Cheryl Clemons, children's librarian. "Our hope is that the children of Grant County will be prepared to go to school and succeed in school."

The event will offer screenings (for children birth to 5 years old).

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Dorothy Gayheart and her son, Tony Gayheart, look over a photo of her brother Paul Marshall Gordon's remains. Dorothy is Paul's only living sibling. He has been missing since 1951 in Korea. Below, Dorothy reflects on her brother. Photos by Jamie Baker-Nantz



A Soldier's Story

POW's remains to be returned home for full military funeral

By Jamie Baker-Nantz, editor

A family in Sherman have waited 63 years for word from their loved one, Paul Marshall Gordon, who was listed as missing in Korea in January 1951.

Last week, his family met with military personnel to begin the process of bringing his remains home for a funeral at Sherman Baptist Church with burial with full military honors at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North in Williamstown in June.

"It is not a complete set, but a pretty decent amount of remains that have been recovered. . . You get closure and you get to bring Paul home and give him a proper burial."

- Jeanette Bogle
Senior Mortuary Affairs Specialist

WHS senior continues cancer fight, begins radiation

By Bryan Marshall
Staff Writer

Nothing can keep Skyler Faulkner from smiling as she continues her battle against cancer.

Not hair loss or extreme fatigue.

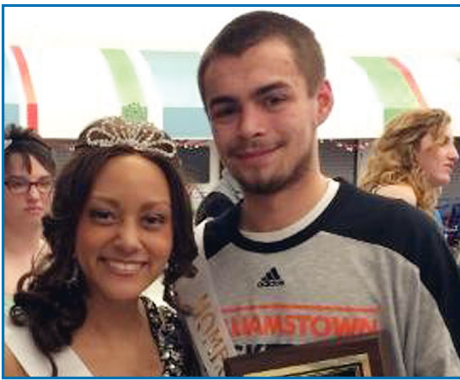
Not chronic back pain or weakened muscles.

"There's never been a question in my mind whether to give up whatsoever," Skyler said. "I get frustrated more days than not. You can't sleep at night because it gets cold and your hats coming off and you're digging around for your hat. It's little things that you never think about that frustrate you to no end.

But, it's never pushed me to the point where I can't do this anymore. That's so silly when the finish line is in sight."

The 17-year-old Williamstown High School senior was diagnosed with stage four Hodgkin's lymphoma in October.

See **WHS SENIOR** page 15



WHAT'S UP?

TELL US ABOUT IT

The Grant County News publishes items in the Community Calendar free of charge. Send items to: Calendar, P.O. Box 247, Williamstown, KY 41097 or e-mail them to: gcneditorial@grantky.com or fax them to 824-5888 by noon on Monday.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Williamstown Kiwanis - Noon Wednesdays, Country Grill, Dry Ridge. Everyone welcome. Kiwanis helps the youth and community through various service projects. President - Frank Kerns . Membership - Rick Skinner 859-824-6351.

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

Grant County Saddle Club - 7 p.m. Feb. 20. Grant County Extension Office on Baton Rouge Road in Williamstown. Contact Tony Russo at 859-468-3035.

Sons of the American Revolution - 2 p.m. Feb. 23. Country Grill, Dry Ridge.

Corinth Lions Club - 6:30 p.m. Feb. 26. Noble's Restaurant, Corinth.



Grant Co. Flight of Civil Air Patrol - Mondays. 6:30 p.m. National Guard Armory. Walton. For information e-mail grantcountycap@gmail.com or go to www.kywgcap.org/.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Helping Hands - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 214 Barnes Road, Williamstown. Group's purpose is to provide emergency help, including food, clothing and furniture to needy families. Call 859-823-0286 for more information.

Grant County Thrift Store - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. 1398 N. Main St., Williamstown. Offers clothing and household items for sale to general public. For more information call 859-823-1327.

Dry Ridge Reuse Center - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday, 22 Warsaw Road, Dry Ridge. Non-profit offers new and used discounted building materials and home goods for sale to the public. Call Pastor Troy at 859-803-6043 for more information.

HOPE (Helping Out People Everywhere) - 9 - 12 p.m Monday and Friday and 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. 209 Hopperton Lane, Dry Ridge. A non-denominational Christian organization collects and distributes free to those in need. ID required.

EDUCATION

GED Studies - Adult education classes are available at the Career Advancement Center, 2020 Taft Hwy. (the former JMB Center) in Dry Ridge. New transportation, child care services and evening classes are now available to GED students! All GED instruction is free. Call for more information at 823-1341 and visit www.grantged.com.

EXERCISE/FITNESS

Yoga - 6 - 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays Lloyd's Welfare House, Crittenden. Call 859-428-YOGA (9642) to register.

Body Works Gym - (Fashion Ridge Road, Dry Ridge). Mondays: zumba - 5 p.m.; aerobics - 6 p.m.; core - 7 p.m.; Tuesdays: butts and guts - 6 p.m. zumba - 7 p.m.; Wednesdays: zumba - 5 p.m.; aerobics - 6 p.m.; core - 7 p.m.; Thursdays: zumba - 7 p.m.; Fridays: zumba - 5 p.m.; aerobics - 6 p.m. and Saturdays: butts and guts - 9 a.m. Non-members - \$3; members - free.

Clogging classes - 6 p.m. - recreational and 7 p.m. intermediate. Tuesdays, Ridge Banquet Center, 1120 Fashion Ridge Road. Dry Ridge. Call Fonda Hill at 859-760-8497 or by email at f.hill711@insightbb.com for more information.



HOPE FOR ALL- Pam Puralewski looks at some items to buy at the HOPE Bake sale in Dry Ridge held on Feb. 13. Photo by Jamie Baker-Nantz

GOT PHOTOS TO SHARE? Do you like to snap photos around Grant County, or of your family or community events? Then, share them with the Grant County News by sending to: gcneditorial@grantky.com.

EXERCISE/FITNESS cont.

Get Your Yoga On - 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. I-75 Outlet Mall. Cost is \$40 or \$6 a class. Free intro to yoga class, 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays. Follow 'Yoga for Grant County' on Facebook.

Zumba Fitness Classes - 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sherman Elementary and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Williamstown Christian Church. Call 859-462-1115 for information.

Zumba/Zumba Sentao/Zumba Toning Classes - 6:15 p.m. Monday and Friday. Williamstown Methodist Church. \$4 per class with class incentives and prizes. Call 859-620-6488 for information.

FARMERS' MARKET

Grant County Farmers Market - 7 p.m. Feb. 27 (4th Thurs.). Grant County Extension Office, Baton Rouge Road, Williamstown. For more information, call Chris at 824-3355 at the Grant County Extension Office.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION DAYS

Helping Hands, a coalition of local churches in the community, partners with the Free Store Food Bank in Cincinnati, to hold a food distribution day on Feb. 20 in Grant County. Participants must have vouchers. For more information, call Dan or Andy Jackson at 859-912-9855.

Full Plate Ministry (Free Community Meal) - 5 - 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22. Dry Ridge Christian Church. Open to everyone. Call 859-823-1303

Manger Ministries' Food Pantry and Clothes Closet, an outreach of Lawrenceville Baptist Church, located on KY 1993 in Corinth, will be open from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 26. Call Lisa at 859-462-2362 for more information.

GOVERNMENT GATHERINGS

Bullock Pen Water District - 1 p.m. Feb. 20. 1 Farrell Drive, Crittenden.

Grant County Sanitary Sewer District - 3 p.m. Feb. 20. 1 Farrell Drive, Crittenden.

Grant County Planning Commission - 7 p.m. Feb. 24. Grant County Courthouse, Williamstown.

HEALTH

Care Net Pregnancy Services - 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, 305 N. Main, Williamstown. Free pregnancy tests are available, as well as education about options. Call 859-824-0123 for more information.

Cooper-Clayton smoking cessation - 1:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Grant County Board of Education in Williamstown. Pre-registration is not required for the in-person program. Participants do not need to be smoke-free at the start of the class. The Cooper-Clayton classes are free but participants must purchase nicotine patches, gum or lozenges, if utilized. For more information, call 859-824-2862 or visit <http://www.nkyhealth.org>.



GRANT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

TO REGISTER FOR A LIBRARY PROGRAM: Call 859-824-2080 or go to www.grantlib.org.

Toddler Time - 10 a.m. Thursdays.
Preschool Time - 11 a.m. Thursdays.

Hot reads for cold nights - Jan. 13 - Feb. 22- Teen and adult reading. Read what you want. Fill out an online reading log at www.grantlib.org or a paper ticket for each book read at the library.

Book discussion - 2 to 3 p.m.; Feb. 20. This Time Together: Laughter and Reflection by Carol Burnett. In the book Burnett lets her hair down and tells one funny, touching or memorable story after another - reading it feels like sitting down with an old friend who has wonderful tales to tell. A touching and hilarious memoir, This Time Together is 100 percent Carol Burnett - funny, irreverent, and irresistible dates.

Twilight Tales - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 24.

Early childhood fair - 4 to 7 p.m. Feb. 28. All pre-school children and parents are invited. Developmental screenings will be available for 0-5 years. First Steps, Four C's, headstart pre-school, Success by Six, health department, parks and rec, community education, family resource centers plus face painting and other activities. Food and door prizes available while supplies last. No registration is required.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Grant County Historical Society - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. or by appointment. Friday, Room 8, Grant County Courthouse. Books, documents and other memorabilia pertaining to the history of Grant County, Northern Kentucky and Kentucky are available to the public. Archives of the Capt. John Lillard Chapter of the N.S.D.A.R. are stored here. Appointments can be arranged. Call 859-242-8685 or bb15chips@aol.com for information.

JUST FOR SENIORS

Williamstown Senior Center - Open 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Center manager: Joan Cornman. 859-824-6415. Activities: Feb. 20 - 10 a.m. - Bridge Club, 10 a.m. - Aging N Place, 10 a.m. to noon - free massage with Phil, 12:30 p.m. - cards; Feb. 21 - 10 a.m. - Sr. Health and Wellness with protein program, 11 a.m. - manipulation; Feb. 24 - 10 a.m. - walking, 1 p.m. - cards; Feb. 25 - Education program about depression -How to safely take antidepressants; Feb. 26 - day trip to Dollar Tree, Big Lots, Golden Corral and Meijer's. Depart at 9:30 a.m.

Crittenden Senior Citizens - 9 a.m. Wednesdays, in the Crittenden Post Office basement. Call 859-428-0213 for more information.

PARENT TEACHER GROUPS

SES PTT - 6:30 p.m. - Feb. 20
DRE PTT - 6 p.m. - Feb. 27

POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

Grant County Tea Party - 7 p.m. Feb. 20. Dry Ridge Toyota meeting room.

Grant County Democratic Party - 6:30 p.m., Feb. 24. Country Grill Restaurant, Dry Ridge.

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA (Alcoholic Anonymous) - 10 a.m. Wednesdays. Dry Ridge Christian Church.

Reformers Unanimous Addiction Program - 7 p.m. Mondays. First Love Community Fellowship, Dry Ridge. Program is free. Call 859-512-3908 for local meeting information or 866-733-6768 for the intervention helpline.

WEIGHT LOSS

Weight Watchers - Weigh-in - 5:30 p.m. Meeting - 6 p.m. Tuesday, St. William Catholic Church, 6 Church Drive, Williamstown.

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) - Weigh-in begins at 5:45 p.m. with the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Dry Ridge Toyota, 18 Taft Hwy. Call Verla Patton at 859-242-2773 or Faye Harvey at 859-428-2028.

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) - Weigh-in begins at 9 a.m. - 9:25 a.m. Fridays. Meeting is held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. St. William Catholic Church, 6 Church St., Williamstown. For information call Joyce at 859-654-2211.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Kentucky Dept. of Veterans Affairs - 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday. Grant County Courthouse, Williamstown. Staff will assist veterans and widows/widowers of veterans in filing federal and state benefits. A copy of the veteran's discharge papers will be needed. For more information or to make an appointment, call 859-282-8583

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS?



Sequoia Park - The Grant County News made it all the way to Sequoia National Park in California with Peggy Spillman, Pam McClure, Makayla Spillman and Larry McClure.

When you travel, don't forget to pack a copy of the Grant County News. Snap a photo and send to: gcneditorial@grantky.com, send to P.O. Box 247 Williamstown or bring the photo in to the News office.

SNOW: wrecks havoc

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The district, as of Feb. 18, has had 19 missed days because of inclement weather.

Only 14 possible makeup days were put into the 2013-14 calendar when it was approved last year.

Therefore, the board has had to decide how to balance making up the additional days while trying to not keep students further into June.

Students attended class Feb. 17 on President's Day to make up one day.

The board then decided to make the first three days of spring break from March 31 to April 2, as instructional days.

After missing again on Feb. 14 and Feb. 18, if the district misses one more day before March 31, the fourth day of spring break (April 3) will also become an instructional day.

If school is called off again after that, the entire spring break would be eliminated.

The law requires that districts attend 1,062 instructional hours in not less than 170 days.

"Because Grant County Schools has exactly 170 days in their 2013-2014 calendar, we do not have an option for extending the day in order to go less days – and without some sort relief from the state, every day missed must be made up," Livingood said. "Upon understanding our limited options, most students, parents and staff have been supportive of our decision to take a portion of spring break."

When school districts make a calendar, they are required to account for makeup days equal to the highest number the district has missed in the last five years.

"Next year, our calendar will have to reflect at least 18 pre-determined make-up days, and additionally, it will be communicated that spring break is always vulnerable for use as makeup days if the winter is severe enough," Livingood said.

Williamstown Independent Schools has only had to cancel school half as much as Grant County.

The district originally was set to end school May 21.

After missing nine days, the last day for students now is May 29, barring anymore missed days after Feb. 17.

The school board voted on a revised calendar Feb. 10 that had students attend classes Feb. 17 and Feb. 18, two days previously scheduled as days off.

The district also creatively will make up two additional days.

By already having more instructional minutes in a day than required, the district will make up two days by attending school all day March 12 instead of having an early release day and having a week where recess would be replaced with physical education instruction by elementary school teachers.

Williamstown will still have its entire spring break and, currently, all other missed days will be added to the end of the calendar.



Business was blooming

Valentine's Day is a busy day for florists. Top, Stacy McCormick and Ashley Pullens work to complete arrangements at Marlene's in Williamstown. Left, Earlene Stumbo, of Blossom Basket in Crittenden, adjusts a bow on a bouquet of roses.

Editor's Note: Ivy Leaf in Dry Ridge declined to be photographed.

Photos by Jamie Baker-Nantz and Camille McClanahan

Grant chamber seeks annual award nominations

The Grant County Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for recipients for the annual awards banquet.

Categories include:

- Grant Countian of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Excellence in Business

- Excellence in Education

A nomination packet is available at the Grant County Chamber of Commerce office at 1350 N. Main, Williamstown, Ky.

Award winners are selected by a panel of judge's outside the

county. Winners will be announced at the annual banquet on April 5 at the Josephina in Dry Ridge.

The deadline to submit a nomination is March 14..

For more information, call the chamber at 859-824-3322.

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“Happiness is your dentist telling you it won’t hurt and then having him catch his hand in the drill.”

-Johnny Carson

PERSONALLY SPEAKING

Be true to your teeth or they’ll be false to you

I have has a long and detestable relationship with several dentists throughout the years.

It all started when I was 9 or 10-years old and there were too many teeth in my mouth. Some had to go.

The dentist was rough and I wasn’t numb. I found out later in life that I have some sort of tolerance to Novocain. Weird.

Through tear-filled eyes I watched as he pulled three to four of my teeth to make room. Then came the braces.

I truly despised those things no matter how pretty they made my smile. I was in seventh grade and the endless torture from my schoolmates was brutal.

The continuous upkeep and monthly appointments was almost too much to bear.

I didn’t brush like I should’ve no matter how much my mom harped at me.

Seventh grade, brushing my teeth was the last thing on my mind or the everlasting effects it would have on my teeth. I just wanted them off.

When I finally got the chance to get them off, it was years before I went back to the dentist.

And frankly, who likes going to the dentist anyway?

As long as they weren’t hurting and I still had a pretty smile it was out of sight, out of mind.

I had my daughter in 2006 and that’s when I started noticing my teeth slowly chipping away. Losing pieces of your teeth is not fun.

By this time, I had no dental insurance and no way to have them fixed. So I’d take pain relievers and

Personally Speaking

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Camille

MCCLANAHAN

Editorial Assistant

tough it out hoping that they wouldn’t get any worse. Hey, I was hopeful and dumb.

By the time I was 26, almost all my back teeth had either had root canals or had been pulled. Now I believe, part of this is my family just has bad teeth but most of this was my own fault. I never drank water. I drank Mt. Dew almost all-day everyday for years.

My teeth were starting to show the wear and tear. ‘Be true to your teeth or they will be false to you.’

My teeth were starting to hurt all the time. What is it about a toothache that brings people to their knees? It’s like kryptonite. At least for me.

After being woken up too many times at 3 a.m. because of the pain, I had to do something.

I went to several dentists and about stroked out over the cost of fixing my teeth.

Who has several grand just lying around? I was frustrated and angry with myself for letting it get this bad.

I finally went to a dentist in Dry Ridge and with tears in my eyes told him I was desperate and I couldn’t afford much.

But to keep from losing all my teeth, I needed to do something.

He and the staff treated me with

CAPITOL COMMENTS

A lively week at the Capital

The energy was lively as hundreds of school groups, local officials, advocacy groups and interested citizens visited the Capital. I appreciated so many coming to witness legislation in action.

I was honored to welcome many students from my district as well as groups like the Governor’s Scholars and the Future Politicians of America. We need interested and involved students who are service-oriented and focused on leading the in legislative and governmental sectors.

In addition to the many visitors from all over Kentucky, we voted on several bills dealing with education, healthcare and liability issues.

The first bill to pass out of the Senate this week was Senate Bill 78. The intention of this legislation is to keep liability from automatically being attributed to landlords whose tenants own a dog in the event that dog bites and injures someone on the property. Currently, a property owner can be held liable for a dog bite that takes place on his rented prop-

erty. Personal responsibility is at issue here and it is not right for a rental property owner to be liable in these cases.

Another bill that passed is Senate Bill 47, requiring the reporting of newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome, the medical term for babies born dependent to drugs due to maternal drug use during pregnancy. The legislation requires The Kentucky Department for Public Health to publish on at least an annual basis statistical data on the number of neonatal abstinence syndrome. The report does not give any identifying information about the mother or the infant; it simply reports regional and county statistics.

The first House Bill to be presented on the Senate floor, House Bill 98 passed. It represents a bipartisan effort to solve an issue of safety for treating diabetic students in schools.

House Bill 98 would permit students to inject themselves with their needed insulin while in school and requires schools to have at least one trained staff member to administer medication for diabetes after they successfully complete the American Diabetes Association training program.

Senate Bill 61 passed and designates pastoral counselors who hold advanced de-

A GUEST COLUMN

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Senator Damon
THAYER

Guest Columnist

grees and training in behavioral and mental health as “licensed clinical” pastoral counselors rather than “certified fee-based” pastoral counselors. This change will make services eligible for private insurance billing and assist our state in complying with recent state and federal policies requiring Medicaid and insurance policies to provide substance abuse and behavioral health services.

The Senate also unanimously passed an important education bill. Senate Bill 89 would help protect the data stored on the “cloud” of Kentucky students by prohibiting the sale or marketing of this information gathered through web-based services at their schools.

There are instances of vendors doing this and I think we need to make student information only avail-

able to the Department of Education and the school system. The measure also would require school districts to inform parents of the types of student information given to third-party web-based service providers.

Another provision of SB 89 would allow local school districts to adopt academic standards that exceed standards approved by the state Board of Education. We want to give districts local control and freedom to choose more rigorous academic standards. They are better arbiters of students’ educational needs.

You can keep up to date on all the bills passed and view live-streaming and archived coverage of legislative proceedings at www.ket.org. You can also follow our caucus on Twitter at @kysenategop.

(Senator Thayer represents the 17th Senate District, which includes southern Kenton County, as well as all of Grant and Scott counties. He is senate majority floor leader, as well as a member of the agriculture committee, the committee on committees, the legislative research commission, the licensing, occupations and administrative regulations committee, the rules committee and the state and local government committee.)

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DOWN AND DIRTY

Snow pack leaves evidence of wildlife

Recently, at 4:30 p.m., after shedding my city boots for my country boots I head back out the door with my egg basket and a jug off water. Our two livestock guardian dogs by my side we head back to the barn. In the blink of an eye Baxter and Finca take off in full defense mode towards our hens and the barn. Baxter takes the front and Finca takes the back. And, to my bewilderment, a beautiful coyote is flushed from beyond and the dogs follow pursuit. Wiley coyote hits the frozen lake and the dogs circle.

At one point Baxter (the Maremma who has remarkable speed) over shot the target and ran over the hill; meanwhile Finca (the Great Pyrenees who has might and determination) sat on the damn while Wiley Coyote sat down in the middle of the frozen lake. I share the detail because I started thinking that this is probably the same creature I wrote about several months ago when we woke to an early morning pursuit between Finca and something (I was without my glasses at 3 a.m. that morning so could not confirm what was circling a perennial bed with Finca in sleepy pursuit.)

That morning it seemed the creature was playing a game with Finca, a certain kind of Wiley taunt. I could imagine the creature thinking, “I can run in circles and wear this big white thing out!” I saw this yesterday; too, when this beautiful coyote sat down and looked at Finca as to say, “I dare you, again, big lumbering white thing!” at this point I am still an interested observer. And, in fact, Finca did take the dare, and took to his pursuit on the icy lake. Baxter shows up and the team successfully chases Wiley away. At one point, even, Wiley literally tucked and turned tail when Finca got close. I hope that Wiley understands that Finca and Baxter are not to be underestimated! And, I am happy to report that no chickens where involved in the incident. Knock on wood.

Wile E. Coyote

Since it all ended well it lifted my spirits a bit; after all the ice and snow and cold and broken limbs and frozen water buckets- I needed a pick me up. And at that moment I was glad there was all that snow and ice because I had a map to follow and study. I compared the huge paw prints of the LGD’s and the small prints of the coyote at its various gates. I could determine that Wiley was not just there yesterday being chased but I could follow the trail all about the orchard, around the berries and asparagus; and, amazingly, the tracks ambled a few 100 feet from the barn where 80 chickens where hanging out and about.

So, if I could communicate with coyotes I would ask that they focus on the rabbit population. Which, interestingly, next to the coyote tracks I followed were indeed rabbit tracks. So, maybe some outdoor tracking is in your future, too. Walk about and investigate and you may be surprised what you see left behind in the snow. Is it a bird, a raccoon, a skunk or opossum? Maybe a fox or coyote is in your midst, too? I am starting to see nature’s designs everywhere I trek in the snow; it is a good winter distraction as we wait for the ice to melt. And, I will remember that tracking in the snow is more fun than the mud that is to come!

(Jeneen Wiche is an avid gardener from Shelbyville. She can be reached at Jwiche@shelbybb.net. or at www.SwallowRailFarm.com)

ANOTHER PLACE IN TIME



This Another Place In Time photo features Ray Lilly when he was 9-years-old. Thanks to Jenny Northcutt for calling in a guess. and thanks to Nancy Lilly Owen and Paula Lilly Edmondson for submitting the photo.

If you’ve got an old photo, you’d like to see featured in the News, bring it to the News office. Photos can be scanned and returned in the same visit.

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

15 Years

February 18, 1999

Navy Seaman Recruit Kyle G. Conrad, son of Christopher M. and Judy L. Conrad of Dry Ridge recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Mich. During the eight-week program, Conrad completed a variety of training. Conrad is a 1998 graduate of Grant County High School.

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Allison Cummins presented John and Ruth Evans of Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church with a check for \$500. Wal-Mart also donated \$500 to Shiloh Community Church. The donation, which will be used to rebuild was part of the matching grant program. The churches were destroyed by fire in October 1998.

25 Years

February 23, 1989

The Grant County Varsity cheerleaders captured first place recently in the 32nd district cheerleading championship. Members of the squad are Kristen Hudson, Vicky McCoy, Sherry Manning, Stacy Rakes, Dana Reynolds, Allison Rhoton and Shelley Smith. The seven-member group started the season by earning first place at Universal Cheerleading Association’s camp.

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Army Reserve Pvt. Connie F. Brown, daughter of Darrell W. and Debbie R. Brown of Williamstown has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons and map reading. The soldier is a 1988 graduate of Grant County High School.

50 Years

February 14, 1964

A cash award of \$25 has been made to Bill Flinchum by his company, Mehl Manufacturing for suggesting and following through on an improvement to the regrinding operation. Announcement of the award was made by L.H. Shriner, manager of the firm.

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Dr. Harry G. Caldwell, son of Mrs. H.B. Caldwell of Williamstown and the late Mr. Caldwell, completes a three year residency in Ophthalmology at Louisville General Hospital. He has been named recipient of the Bunker fellowship at Saint John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem, Jordan for one year.

Ask Us

Do you have a question about an issue affecting Grant County? If so, send to: Ask Us and the staff of the Grant County News will try to find an answer. Names will not be published, but a first name, phone number or e-mail address may help us clarify what type of information you are requesting. Send questions to: jbakernantz@grantky.com or at our website at www.grantky.com.

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FAITH & VALUES

GRACE NOTES

Change of heart

You may or may not have picked up on a theme for the pastor's column this month. Purity. What a foreign concept in our society! Nobody on TV is talking about purity. Nobody in Washington is talking about purity. Surprisingly, not many in our churches are talking about purity. The outside world doesn't care about it, and the church is too nervous to discuss it. But here's the reality: whether outside the church or in, we aren't pure these days. The sin of self has led us to pursue everything but purity in our lives.

Pornography, adultery, lust, and greed are not just an issue for "those heathens." They are a real issue for the church. And, unfortunately, as I mentioned above, those issues are too often neglected in the church.

Well, it's time to start dealing with these issues. And here's the great news: we can become pure again! Jesus has come to make us "whiter than snow!" What a promise!

One of the most egregious stories in the Bible of lost purity is the story of David and Bathsheba. If you aren't familiar with the story, David, King of Israel, was enjoying an evening on the palace rooftop when he saw

a woman bathing on a neighboring rooftop. To make a long story short, David sins with Bathsheba, destroying their purity.

Fast forward to a confrontation that David has with Nathan, a prophet. Nathan condemns David for his sins and loss of purity. David's response is where I want us to focus. In Psalm 51, verse 10, David cries, "God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me." David understood that his loss of purity was a heart issue. He didn't pray that God would keep him from seeing beautiful women. He asked God to change his heart. He prayed that God would purify his heart, for that was the real issue.

Do you know what David's legacy was? It wasn't his sin with Bathsheba. It wasn't his loss of purity. Even today, David is known as "a man after God's own heart." Regardless of how you've lost your purity, you can still leave that same legacy! One of purity! One of right standing with God!

I want to make you aware of an opportunity that can lead you to better understand how you can regain your purity through Christ. "A Call to Purity Weekend" will be held on March 7 and 8 at Williamstown Baptist Church. You won't want to miss out on this opportunity to hear how Christ can change your heart, just as He did King David's, and create a clean heart in you. For more information, go to www.purelifeministries.org/Williamstown.

(Josh Hildebrand is the pastor at Sherman Baptist Church in Dry Ridge. He can be reached at 859-428-2695 or by visiting the website at www.shermanbaptist.org)



Josh HILDEBRAND

Pastor's Corner

St. William Fish Fry

St. William will have a Lenten fish fry. from 5 to 8 p.m. on March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4 and April 11.

Contributors wanted

The Grant County News is looking for local pastors or youth ministers who would like to write a rotating column for the Religion page. Anyone interested should call 824-3343 to make an appointment to have a photo taken that will appear with the column.



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Members of Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ read entire Bible

C. Larry Stile, minister at Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ challenged the congregation to read through the Bible in a year. The Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ in Williamstown announced their 2013 graduates of "Reading through the Bible in a year". Besides certificates the participants also recorded their progress of the books of the

Bible when completed.

The participants include, Earl Johnson, Daryl Koebecke, Larry Stiles, Doug Gordon, Regina Gordon, Rhoda Stiles, Brian Currier, Tom Brian, Nic Brian, Lisa Currier, Susan Koebecke, Mabel Johnson, Margaret Chandler, Barbara Hedger and Matthew Hedger.

At the beginning of the year, a daily

Bible reading schedule was given to the participants and they pledged to read through the entire Bible in 2013.

Stiles, a student at Cincinnati Christian University 47 years ago, was the minister at Mt. Pleasant years ago and Mt. Pleasant asked Stiles to come out of retirement to be their weekend minister.

CHURCH NOTES

Christ Community Assembly of God

• March 7 and March 8 -

The church is participating in the Call To Purity conference to be held at Williamstown Baptist. For more information, call Rhonda Fields at 859-394-2586.

• Wednesdays - Adult Bible study and Children's night at 7 p.m. A light supper will be served.

• Sundays - Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m.; prayer at 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday service with adult Bible fellowship and KidZone at 7 p.m.

Church 20/20

• Pastor Earl Breeden - 859-814-7594 and Pastor Randy Robinson - 859-414-7253

• Youth Leader - Daniel Coomer - 859-443-2503

• Sunday morning church service - 10:45 a.m. Youth group service at 3:30 p.m. every Sunday night; Wednesday service at 7 p.m.

Corinth Christian

• Wednesday night Bible study at 7 p.m. (Luke 12 and 13)

• Bible Book for February is Mark. March Book is Luke.

• Sundays - Choir practice at 5:30 p.m. with worship services at 6:30 p.m.

Corinth Community Christian Center

• Pastor Gary Gross

• Fridays - Youth services at 6 p.m.

Corinth Shiloh Full Gospel

• Pastor Gary Gross

• Sunday services - 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Church service; 6 p.m. church service; Wednesday service - 6 p.m. church service.

Crittenden Christian Disciples of Christ

• To learn more about the church, contact Rev. Shayanna Jolly at 859-428-2210 or go to www.crittendenchristian.com.

• Worship begins at 10:45 a.m. and every Tuesday-Bible study begins at 10:30 a.m.

Dry Ridge Baptist

• Feb. 20 - The Young at Heart group will go to Frankfort. They will leave the church parking lot at 8:15 a.m. They will be visiting the Governor's Mansion and Capitol. Lunch will be at Jim's Seafood.

• Feb. 21 - The youth will be ice skating. They will meet at the church at 6:45 p.m.

• Feb. 23 - Fundraiser dinner, immediately following the morning worship service for the April Haiti Mission trip. The group needs \$1,500 to buy supplies.

Dry Ridge Presbyterian

• Challenges of The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:21-37) at 11 a.m.

• For more information, call 824-5622 or go to www.dryridgepresbyterian.com.

Family Worship Center

• Feb. 23 - URGENCY Youth is tubing at Perfect North.

• Feb. 25 - Ladies' Bunko will meet at 6 p.m. at the church.

• March 3 - Grant County Ministers meeting at 10 a.m. at Family Worship Center in Williamstown.

• March 9 - Carolyn Clark will be ministering. She is the third generation of women ministers in her family. She draws from both her evangelical roots and her Pentecostal "fathers in the faith."

• March 7 and March 8 - A Call to Purity Weekend. Make sure to register as space is limited.

• March 9 - URGENT CY Youth Summer Camp registrations are due.

First Love

• The church took 30 people to Cincinnati to reach out to the homeless Sunday; sharing 150 chicken dinners, the message and music.

• Feb. 22 - Six hour prayer and fast from 4 to 10 p.m. for the community and the church to draw closer to the Lord.

• Mondays - Reformers Unanimous for anyone with an addiction of any kind at 7 p.m.

• Visit the website www.firstloveky.org for service times, events, sermons and much more.

• March 14 - March 15 - Children's Lock Inn from 7 p.m. to 9 a.m.

• Sundays new study in the old testament at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.; Monday Hurt, Habit and Hang up Group at 7 p.m.; Wednesday "Nugget of Truth with Prayer" at 7 p.m.; Thursdays - Women's Bible study at 11 a.m.

God's Community

• Pastor - Landon Scott.

• Sunday school at 10 a.m. worship services at 11 a.m. and evening worship services at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.

Harvest Apostolic

• The church is enjoying the benefits of seeds long planted with baptisms and power packed services.

Lystra Church of Christ

• Sunday School at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m.

Mt. Carmel Baptist

• Check channel 9 WCPO or 27 WKYT, as well as email and Facebook for bad weather cancellations.

• The WMU will again be sponsoring the baby bottle ministry for CareNet.

• Any adults and youth interested in KY Changers, see Lori Dunn.

Mt. Olivet Christian

• Sunday morning services are at 8:45 and 11 a.m.

• The e-4 student ministry group (teen small groups for middle and high school students) meets at 5 p.m. for dinner on Sundays followed by large and small group worship and study.

• Feb. 23 - The annual Valentine banquet at 6 p.m. at the Grant County Extension Office. All ladies are invited to be the guests of the men for a

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, but not with a perfect heart.

2 Chronicles 25:2 (KJV)

meal featuring grilled steak or chicken. Children's activities will be provided.

• Adult Bible study continues to meet from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the church and other home small groups are meeting throughout the week as well.

• Ladies prayer group will meet the first and third Saturdays.

• If there is inclement weather, check Channel 12 and the Facebook page for closing information. If we are listed as "Closed Sunday" that means both morning services and Sunday School are cancelled. If we are listed as "Snow Plan", there will be no 8:45 a.m. service and no Sunday School but there will be a combined service at 11 a.m..

Mt. Zion Baptist

• The deacon of the week is Don Bingham 428-1877

• March 2 - Breakfast at 9 a.m. The church will also observe the Lord's Supper after the morning worship. There will be a deacon's meeting after evening worship.

• March 5 - Monthly business meeting.

• Happy Birthday to Braden Martin this week.

• Sunday worship at 10 a.m.; worship at 11 a.m., evening worship at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for Bible study; Team Kids are meeting every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.

New Beginnings

• The church is located at 28 Broadway St. in Dry Ridge. For more information, call Mark Partin at 824-0947.

• Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Sunday services at 11 a.m. Sunday evening services at 6 p.m. Wednesday services at 7 p.m.

New Life Apostolic

• Transportation provided. Contact Bro. Meyers at 859-428-3120.

• Sunday service at 10 a.m., Sunday evening service at 7 p.m. and at 7 p.m. and Thursday services at 7 p.m.

Oak Ridge Baptist

• The sewing group meets at noon each Tuesday (weather permitting). They are making quilts for Sunrise Children's Home.

• Other ongoing missions projects include Operation Christmas Child, food pantry and box tops and labels for Oneida.

• Sunday School at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m.; children's church at 11 a.m.; Ra's, Ga's at 6 p.m.; evening worship at 6 p.m.; Wednesday prayer service at 6 p.m.

Sherman Full Gospel

• Pastor Ray Gaines

• Sunday School at 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 11 a.m., Sunday night at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. For more information, call 859-428-2200.

Sherman Church of Christ

• Traditional service from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school 9:45 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.; praise gathering from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and

evening service at 7 p.m.

• Feb. 23 - Eric Nease will be teaching a class about baptism designed for elementary and junior high students. The class will be from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. during evening services.

Stringtown Christian

• The church is located at 8475 Cordova Road in Berry.

• Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Sunday morning services at 11 a.m.; Sunday night services at 6 p.m.

Tabernacle Baptist

• Pastor - Bro. Larry Workman

• Sunday school at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m.; Sunday evening service at 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.

The Potters House

• Located at 115 S. Main St. in Crittenden (lower level Family Dollar Store)

• 859-428-0866 or 391-6503 or 802-4545

• Pastor Charles Courtney

• Sunday School 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Vine Run Baptist

• Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening worship 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday prayer service at 7 p.m. with GA's, RA's, Mission Friends and youth.

• Go to www.vinerun.org for upcoming events.

Violet Ridge Church of Christ

• Minister - Dave Shanklin

• Sunday Services - Sunday School at 9:50 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m.; evening worship and youth meeting at 6 p.m.

• Wednesday Night Bible study and youth meeting at 7 p.m.

Williamstown Christian

• On Saturday members of the congregation will be packing boxes of food to be sent to hungry children in underdeveloped countries. This project is sponsored by IDES (International Disaster Emergency Services)

• Feb. 20 - Senior Saints will travel to the Ikea store in West Chester, Ohio.

• Feb. 23 - AWANA missionary Tim Welcher will be attending AWANA Club.

Williamstown United Methodist

• Feb. 23 - Worship Alive! at 8:30 a.m., fellowship time at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m., afternoon worship at 11 a.m. The church has five adult Sunday School classes available, Sunday School classes for preschool through 12th grade and traditional worship at 11 a.m.

• Mondays - Zumba at 6:15 p.m.

• Tuesdays - Men's group at 6:30 p.m.

• Wednesdays - Youth at 6 p.m., adult Bible study at 6:30 p.m.; praise and worship team practice at 7:30 p.m.

• Thursdays - Women's Bible study from 6 to 7 p.m.

• Fridays - Zumba at 6:15 p.m.

RECENT DEATHS

Kyle Sims, 75

Kyle Sims, 75, of Verona, died Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, in Florence.

He was the son of the late Robert and Reba Virginia Angel Sims.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Price Sims of Verona; sons, Tony Sims of Cape Coral, Fla. and Ronnie Sims of Crittenden; a broth-

er, Bobby Sims of Ohio; sisters, Kathleen Zins and Judy Boehl, both of Ohio; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 19 at the Hamilton-Stanley Funeral Home in Verona.

Burial was in the New Bethel Cemetery.

FOR THE RECORD

Property Transfers:

Oct. 21:
(General Warranty Deed) Dustin Fulmer and Erin Fulmer to Gale Lang Mulvaney and Tommy Mulvaney, lot 49, 50, 84 and 85 of Andy Cliff Hill Section of McGee Subdivision, \$37,000

(General Warranty Deed) Charles E. Conrad, Trustee of the Donald E. Conrad, Sr. Revocable Trust, Charles E. Conrad, Trustee of the Alma Jean Conrad Revocable Trust to Donald E. Conrad, Jr. and Janet Conrad, S. Main Street property in Dry Ridge, \$1,200

Oct. 22:
(Commissioner's Deed of Correction) North American Tax Solutions, LLC, Jon Jeffers, Cheryl Jeffers, ABN Amro Mortgage Group Inc., Blue View Corporation, Capital One Providian, City of Williamstown, Kentucky, Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Grant, Kentucky, and National City Mortgage Company, by Edward M. Bourne, Master Commissioner to Kentucky Property Tax Investments, James Street property, \$800

(General Warranty Deed) Thomas J. Lalley and Shelley J. Jewell-Lalley to Thomas J. Lalley and Shelley J. Jewell-Lalley, lot 184-B and 185, Unit 2 of Paradise Point, \$110,000

(Quit Claim Deed) Mark Stamper and Rhonda Stamper to Mark Stamper and Rhonda Stamper, Cason Lane property, \$80,000

Oct. 23:
(Commissioner's Deed) Branch Banking and Trust Company, Paul E.

Marksberry, Janet J. Marksberry, and Capital One Bank USA, by Edward M. Bourne, Master Commissioner to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, lot 67, 68, 69 and 70 of James Addition, \$20,000

Oct. 25:
James Wilson and Jane Wilson to Mandeep Bassi and Tarjit Bassi, lot 9 of Fieldcrest Subdivision, \$262,000

Victoria Lee Spurling to Barbara Spurling and Ronald Spurling, Huff Road property, \$25,000

Oct. 28:
(General Warranty Deed) The Corinth Community Worship Center, Inc. to Corinth Shiloh Full Gospel Church, Inc., Dixie Highway property in Corinth, \$200,000

(Commissioner's Deed) Wells Fargo Bank, Janet L. Rodgers and Daniel K. Rodgers, by Edward M. Bourne, Master Commissioner to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, lot 49, Section 2 of Greenview Estates Subdivision, \$56,667

Oct. 29:
William C. Wilson and Brenda Wilson to Christopher R. Wells and Angelica Sunshine Wells, lot 22, Section 3 of Claiborne Estates, \$168,000

(Warranty Deed) Wesley R. Kohler to Richard D. Gater, Sherman Newtown Road property, \$8,500

Oct. 30:
(Warranty Deed) Charles E. Fryman and Lora J. Fryman to Richard Gilbert and Cynthia Ann Gilbert, Sherman Newtown Road property, \$170,000

Oct. 31:
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(Quit Claim Deed) Michael Thomas and Deanna Marie Thomas to Katherine Ashcraft Harris, Kentucky Route #1132 and Calendar Road property, \$2,000

Nov. 1:
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Nov. 2:
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Nov. 4:
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(General Warranty Deed) Matthew Williamson and Haley Williamson to Jamie Sturgill and Susan Sturgill, Lawrenceville Road property, \$91,000

Nov. 5:
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Nov. 6:
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Nov. 7:
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Nov. 8:
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(Quit Claim Deed) David G. Kidwell and Sheila L. Kidwell to Sheila L. Kidwell, lot 20, Section 1 of Reeves Subdivision, \$105,000

Janice Marie Mason, executrix of the Estate of John Jeffrey Miller, deceased, to Lawrence T. Glass and Joan C. Glass, Old Cynthiana South Road property, \$245,000

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(General Warranty Deed) Thomas Williams and Shelia Williams to U.S. Bank National Association, Gardnersville Road property, \$79,900

PAID OBITUARY

Melrose Howard, 89

Melrose Howard, 89, of Corinth, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014, at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

She was a retired secretary for the Farmers Home Administration, a member of the Red Hat Society, the Scott County Homemakers, the Corinth Christian Church and the Church Ladies Aid and she was an avid UK basketball fan.

She was the widow of J. W. Howard.

Survivors include a daughter, Alice (Fred) Scheffler of Corinth; granddaughters, Loren

(Jonah) Parsons of Florence and Jayln Scheffler of Corinth; great grandsons, Aidan Parsons and Chase Parsons, both of Florence.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 15 at the M c D a n i e l Funeral Home in Corinth.

Burial was in the Corinth Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Camp Northward or to the American Heart Association

Online condolences may be made at www.mcdanielfuneralhome.com.



Melrose Howard

CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT!

Hello Grant County Citizens, It is election year and I have decided to run for the Office of Jailer in Grant County. I have been a long time resident of Grant County and I currently live in Crittenden with my wife Debbie and our two sons Christian and Caleb. I was raised on a farm on Lemon Northcutt Road. As a young boy I became one of Grant County's hard working tobacco farmers and attended Grant County High School and graduating from there in 1984.

As that young boy, law enforcement has always been my desire. I am a second generation law enforcement officer following my father's footsteps who retired from the Kentucky State Police in 1986. I started my career at the Kenton County Detention Center as a Deputy Jailer. I then accepted a position from Sheriff Simon Leis of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was there that I attended and successfully completed the sheriff's corrections training academy. I was very excited to be employed by Ohio's top rated detention center, housing over 2000 inmates.

In 1992 I accepted a position with the Williamstown Police Department. I wanted to be here in my home community because Grant County was my home and where I loved to be. I started as a patrolman working nights answering emergency calls for service for the citizen of Williamstown. In 1996 I started the Williamstown Lake Patrol and worked every weekend and holiday in an attempt to make the county's most wonderful form of recreation safe. As I moved up in rank I moved to day shift. I served as Williamstown's Assistant Chief of Police and I then retired from that position in 2012.

Throughout my career I have obtained 1500+ hours of training from the Kentucky Jailer's Association, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, and Department of Criminal Justice Training. I am a Certified Firearms Instructor, Advanced Hostage Negotiator, Internal Affairs Investigator, Domestic Violence/Child Sexual Assault Investigator just to name a few. I have been a long time member of the Kentucky Peace Officer's Association, Kentucky Fraternal Order of Police and a past member of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. I was always involved in the annual Shop with a Cop program that made it possible for Grant County's less fortunate children to have a Christmas!

During that 20 years period as an officer for our county's seat, I strived and worked hard to take care of you! It was my duty, it was what I felt inside! I now want to do that again! I am embarking on a new adventure in seeking the position of **Jailer**. I want to restore the respect, accountability and service of our detention facility. I know that with my background I am the most qualified candidate for this position.

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STUDENTS

Williamstown

Preschool

Braxton Faust

Braxton Faust is the WES Preschool Student of the Week.



He is in Sonja Kinman's class. His favorite thing about school is playing.

"Braxton is an amazing student who helps teachers and other students. He has a positive attitude and loves coming to school and learning. It is a pleasure to have him in

our class!" Kinman said. His favorite book is 'Toy Story.'

His favorite thing to do as a family is play outside

Primary

Trevor Faulkner

Trevor Faulkner is the WES primary student of the week.

He is in LeAnn Daugherty's second grade class. His favorite thing about school is math.



"He is always eager to learn and explore new things. Works above and beyond his given task and is so delightful to have in class. I love his curiosity and mostly his genuine smile and love." Daugherty said. His favorite book is 'Lego Ninjago.'

His favorite thing to do as a family is watch movies.

Intermediate

Nolan O'Connor

Nolan O'Connor is the WES Intermediate student of the week.

He is in Leannda Drysdale's fourth grade class.



His favorite thing about school math. "I absolutely love having Nolan in my fourth grade class this year. He has a terrific personality and is a very positive thinking student! I love how Nolan always gives

his best on his schoolwork, and how he looks out for, and is always willing to help his fellow classmates. It's an honor being Nolan's fourth grade teacher." Drysdale said. His favorite book is 'Hugo.'

His favorite thing to do as a family go hiking.

Grant County Middle School

Meghan Vehige

Meghan Vehige is the Grant County Middle School Shawnee Student of the Week.

She is always cheerful, polite and respectful to all.

Vehige stays focused on her work and does her best every day.

Grant County High School

Chelsea Heringer

Chelsea Heringer is the Grant County High School Student of the Week. She is a senior and is in Whitney Hilterbran's class.

"Chelsea has taken several FCS classes and is always a pleasure. She is currently my peer tutor and does a fabulous job. Chelsea takes initiative and is a hard worker. She works one on one with struggling students and always has a positive attitude. I appreciate her work ethic, sincerity, and



charisma." Hilterbran said.

Her favorite thing to do in school is family and consumer sciences, especially culinary.

Her favorite book is "Speak" by Laurie Anderson.

Her favorite thing to do with family is just spending time together.

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WHS FCCLA Region 7 STAR Events

- First place in Focus on Children and advancing to state Braydon Dungan and Megan Perkins
- First place in Chapter in Review and advancing to state Megan Robinson
- Second place on advocacy Madison Helton
- Kelsi Jordan

Ariana Johnson

Katie Richie

- Second place in illustrated talk

Jackie Foster

Katelyn Kidwell

- Second place in Focus on Children

Sara Neely

Grant, Williamstown Schools set kindergarten registration

Grant County

The Grant County School District have set registration dates for next year's kindergarten students. The date are:

- March 3 – 4 at Crittenden-Mt. Zion Elementary (428-2171)
- March 5 – 6 at Sherman Elementary (428-5500)
- March 10 – 11 at Mason-Corinth Elementary (824-9510)
- March 12 – 13 at Dry Ridge Elementary (824-4484)

Children who will have their fifth birthday before Oct. 1, 2014, are eligible to attend kindergarten. Children who will have their fourth birthday by Oct.1, 2014 may qualify for preschool - based upon income or disability. Parents should contact their local school as soon as possible to schedule an appointment for kindergarten and preschool registration.

An original birth certificate is required at the time of registration, together with pertinent guardianship and/or custody papers, when applicable. Proof of income will be required for preschool registration. Also, the following items are needed to complete school enrollment: certificate of immunization, physical examination, dental examination, eye examination by an eye specialist, the child's Social Security card, and proof of residency (document such as utility bill, lease agreement, etc., showing parent's name and address – or notarized statement if documents mentioned above are not available). These items should be brought to the school at the time of registration.

Contact the school where your child will attend for an ap-

pointment and additional registration information.

Williamstown

Williamstown Elementary will hold kindergarten registration at the Williamstown Baptist Church on March 14 and March 21 for students living inside the Williamstown District school boundaries and for students living outside the Williamstown District school boundaries but would like to be considered for enrollment.

Students are eligible for kindergarten by turning 5 years old on or before Oct. 1, 2014. During registration, it is imperative that the incoming student attend with their parent/guardian. Paperwork and applicable screening will take place. Therefore, participants will need to allow approximately one hour for the entire process.

The following must be brought with you to registration;

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Up to date Immunization Certificate
- Two proofs of residency (i.e. driver's license, utility bill, telephone invoice, etc.)
- Any applicable custody papers

Kindergarten students must have an eye exam by a licensed optometrist, a dental exam, and a physical exam. These items do not have to be completed at the time of registration but must be completed before your child is eligible to begin school. If students have had the exams, bring the documentation with you. To sign up for a time to register your child call the Williamstown Welcome Center at 824-4184.

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Coach Dustin Plunkett, Hunter Renfro, Michael Frost, Matthew Ritter, Joseph McCormick, Kyle West, Austin Green, Jacob Facer; front row, Tyler Allen, Ralph East, Cameron Smith, Jordan Newman, Nate Fox, Tanner Dalton competed in the district tournament. Photo by Steve Hurley

GCMS competes in district tournament

The Grant County Middle School Boys Basketball team attained three wins over RA Jones on Jan. 28. The boys were eager to return to the court as they had worked hard practicing during the snow days.

The eighth grade boys won 37-35. Grant County took the lead early however, RA Jones did not give up ending the half

with a lead of 24-23. The game continued to be a close one throughout the third and fourth quarters. With 21.5 seconds left in the game and Grant County down by one, Michael Frost went to the foul line tying the game. RA Jones heads down the court hoping to regain the lead.

The Braves forced a turnover with 19 seconds on the clock.

RA Jones fouled Kyle West sending him to the line for two shots. As the fans cheered them on, Kyle hit the foul shots giving the Braves a two-point lead with only 8.1 seconds left in game.

The Braves played good defense and came away with the win. The leading scorers were Kyle West and Michael Frost with 12, Tanner Dalton 8 and

Hunter Renfro 5.

The scores of the seventh and sixth grade games were 49-29 and 39-19, respectively. It was exciting to see the boys win their last home game of the season. They have worked hard and dedicated many hours to practice as to improve their skills. Coach Plunkett said, "These young men have worked hard ever

since the beginning of the season to accomplish team goals. They have been dedicated as a team and family. It has been my pleasure to coach them."

The teams competed in the District tournament on the week of Feb. 3. The teams were coached by Chris Brady (sixth grade) and Dustin Plunkett (seventh and eighth grade).



YOUTH BASKETBALL - The Grant County Youth Basketball NCAA second and third grade Team Louisville composed finished the season with a perfect record of 11-0 by winning the end of the season tournament. Issac Sanders, Lincoln Herald, Jaxton O'Neill, Braden Sustarich, Jackson Utter and Dylan Hammonds received a trophy for their efforts. Assistant Coach of the team was Chris Hammonds. Not pictured is Kaden King and Jacob Williams.

"All players worked hard, put forth their best effort and played as a team all year." Head Coach Joe Utter said. Photo by Jerry Morris



GRANT COUNTY THUNDER - The Grant County Thunder fourth and fifth grade champions composed of Jackson Smallwood, Mason Guffey, Caleb Gaines, Jacob Gaines, Isaiah Whalen, Hunter Gilmore, Ryan Gilmore, Nick Hill and Alex Smith went undefeated in the regular season with a record of 10-0. They went on to win the championship game against the Celtics 39-37, bringing their record to 13-0.

"These young athletes brought passion, athleticism and determination to the court so they could persevere and be the best they could be." said Coach Brian Smallwood. Photo by Jerry Morris

TEAM FORMING

A co-ed softball league is now forming.

For more information, call Ruth Epperson at 859-903-9631.

WANT TO SEE YOUR TEAM PHOTO PUBLISHED IN THE GRANT CO. NEWS?

The News invites parents, coaches, grandparents, school officials, etc. to submit photos of Grant County sports teams. Be sure to include team members and coaches names, along with the team's record or recent accomplishment to jbakernantz@grantky.com or submit at www.grantky.com. Include a contact name and phone number if more information is needed.

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Grant County wrestler Brandon Hopper strains to control Anderson County's Cody Dillow in the fifth place bout of the 152-pound class at the Region 5 wrestling tournament at Western Hills High School in Frankfort. Dillows eventually won a 7-2 decision. Photo by John Herndon/Landmark News Service

Three GCHS senior wrestlers state-bound



Brad Fryman



Austin Gripshover



Joey Roundtree

By Wade Holland
Sports Correspondent

The Grant County High School wrestling program has come a long way in the four years since its inception.

After not having a member qualify for state during their inaugural season, a lone Brave qualified each of the next two years before taking it another step forward this season with three athletes earning a spot in the state championships.

A trio of seniors, Brad Fryman, Austin Gripshover and Joey Roundtree, will represent Grant County at the Kentucky High School State Wrestling Championships scheduled to begin Friday, Feb. 21 at the All-Tech Arena on the grounds of the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. The three earned their way to state with top four finishes in their weight class this week in Region 5 tournament action.

Grant County Coach Matt Shearer said he could not be happier for the three, pointing to a lot of hard work and dedication as reasons for their success.

"To come as far as they have in four years, with us not having a program before that, is a great accomplishment," Shearer said. "A lot of kids have been

wrestling for five and six years, or even more. So these guys had to work really hard to get where they are."

Fryman battled injuries his first three years in the program that kept him on the sidelines more than he was on the mat, but he never gave up on his dream and worked hard to earn his spot at state.

Fryman will compete in the 138-pound weight class at state. He has remained healthy all season and enters the state meet in the best shape of his life.

"That is a big accomplishment in itself," Shearer said of Fryman remaining healthy all season. "He is a really hard worker. To be able to come back from his injuries and make it to state just shows how hard he has worked. And he is a great person, too."

Gripshover is a member of the high school's football team. He has proven that while he may be small, he shouldn't be overlooked. He will compete in the 113-pound division at state.

"Austin may be little, but he is all muscle," Shearer said. "He is very strong and has improved a lot in his technique. Now he trusts his technique. He's had some ups and downs, but he has worked real hard to get to state."

Roundtree did not look like a wrestler when he joined the program as a freshman, but Shearer said he has transformed himself into a 195-pound force on the mat.

"Joey has had to work very hard for everything he got," the coach said. "He didn't come with all the athletic ability, so he had to work extra hard for it."

Each wrestler will go head-to-head with 31 others from their weight class at the championship event. The biggest key to success for all three, according to Shearer, is to continue using the techniques that got them to state.

"They need to wrestle smart and stick to what they know, the moves they know, and don't try anything silly," said Shearer.

While he is excited for the three and their chances at state, Shearer is even more excited about GCHS's program and the direction it is headed. And it's because of athletes like Fryman, Gripshover and Roundtree that the program is on the rise so quickly, he said.

"These guys are leading the way and setting the tradition that will be around for a long time," Shearer said. "The younger guys are seeing this and they are already taking more interest and working harder."

Demons earn first double-digit win season in five years

By Wade Holland
Sports Correspondent

With their 10th win of the season, the Williamstown Demons continue to reach new highs in a season that has already seen several noteworthy accomplishments for the program.

The elusive 10th win, which gave the program its first double-digit win season in five years and its second in a decade, came in a victory over visiting Trimble County on Tuesday in what was the Demons' last home game of the season.

The Demons beat Trimble County 67-65.

Williamstown had failed in three previous attempts to get the win. After tough defeats at Silver Grove and Pendleton County the Demons suffered a heart-breaking 59-57 overtime loss to visiting Carroll County in the Demons' most recent action.

Williamstown will now close out the season with back-to-back away games on the road at Owen County before the season finale on Feb. 20 at Gallatin County.

Carroll Co. 69, Williamstown 67

For Williamstown, the third time was not the charm.

After connecting on two miracle shots to force overtime, Williamstown was not able to cash in a third time, coming up just short on a game-winning shot at the buzzer in the extra period.

Trailing by four with only 14 seconds left in the game, Williamstown's David Jump came up with the first of the comeback shots when he hit a 3-pointer while being fouled to pull his team within one.

Again trailing by three and David Jump heavily guarded, Williamstown eighth grade guard Brennan Stanley nailed a 3-pointer at the top of the key as time expired to complete the comeback and send the game into overtime.

There were only two shots taken in the



WHS Demon David Jump goes to make a free throw shot. Photos by Nicole Hankinson and Olivia Harden

overtime period with the Panthers hitting a jumper in the lane with eight seconds left to play before Williamstown missed a three at the buzzer.

David Jump led all scorers with 22 points, including six 3-pointers. He was followed by Stanley with 14 points, including four 3-pointers.

Chaz Jordan was next for the Demons with eight points, followed by Jon Jump with three, Dustin Smith four and J.J. Fernandez three to round out the Williamstown scoring.

Pendleton Co. 63, Williamstown 54

The Pendleton County Wildcats proved to be too tough despite brothers David Jump and Jon Jump combining for 41 points for Williamstown.

David Jump led all scorers with 28 points, which included eight 3-pointers, while Jump scored 13 while hitting three 3-pointers. The duo combined for all 11 of the Demons' 3-pointers.

Senior center Chaz Jordan was strong defensively and scored seven points on the other end of the floor. Stanley was next for Williamstown with four points, followed by Dustin Smith with two.

GCHS Braves strive for harmony

By Wade Holland
Sports Correspondent

Inconsistency has been an issue for the Grant County Braves all season and it continues to plague the team even down the stretch.

Grant County continued its recent trend of win one, lose one with a win over Carroll County followed by a loss at Owen County, which was then followed by a win over Campbell County and a loss at Conner.

With three games remaining in the regular season, it's a habit Coach Brandon Grammer hopes his team can kick before getting into district tournament play.

The Braves currently have a 10-13 record with games scheduled against Gallatin County, Walton-Vernon and Feb. 20 at Lloyd Memorial to close out the regular season.

Owen Co. 63, Grant Co. 59

Grant County clawed its way back from a double-digit deficit to give itself a chance to win down the stretch, but the host Rebels prevailed with hot-shooting at the free throw line.

Carson Williams, one of the state's top players, scored 30 points and pulled down 21 rebounds to lead the Rebels.

The Braves were paced by Aaron Hicks with 18 points and 13 rebounds. He got strong support from teammate Austin Johnson, who finished with 10 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

Logan Cummins, Seth Adkins and Jordan Rose all had seven points each for Grant Co. Jordan Saylor added five, followed by Cody Kellam with three and Austin Schneider with two.

Grant County had five 3-pointers in the game with Hicks hitting two, and Kellam, Rose and Saylor connecting on one each.

Grant Co. 89, Campbell 74

The Braves' offense was clicking on all cylinders with three players scoring 20-plus points in the win.

Seth Adkins had one of his better games of the season with 26 points, seven rebounds and two steals to lead the way. Aaron Hicks was next with 23 points and eight rebounds to go with two assists.



GCHS Braves Seth Adkins defends the ball. Photo by Jerry Morris

Logan Cummins had what is likely his best game of the season with a well-rounded performance that netted him 20 points to go with one steal and one blocked shot.

Jordan Rose was next for the winners with six points, four rebounds and three assists, followed by Austin Johnson with five points, seven assists and four rebounds.

Cody Kellam and Joey Saylor contributed four points each for the Braves, with Jordan Saylor rounding out the scoring with one point to go with four rebounds.

A big key to the game was Grant County's 3-point shooting. The Braves connected on eight shots from long range with Cummins hitting four, Hicks three and Austin Johnson one.

Conner 73, Grant Co. 61

Conner jumped on top early and never trailed after the opening minutes of the game on the way to the win.

Logan Cummins led the way offensively for the Braves with 15 points. Aaron Hicks was next with 14, followed by Austin Johnson with nine and Cody Kellam seven.

Jordan Rose and Jordan Saylor scored five points each for the Braves with Luke O'Nan adding four and Seth Adkins two to round out the Braves' scoring.

GCHS Senior night



Dance - Brittany Brock, daughter of Todd and Jolene Brock.



Dance - Aleksasha Hernandez, daughter of Alexandra Vega.



Cheer - Dana Liggett, daughter of Dewey and Krissy Schlueter and Esaias and Tonisha Liggett.



Cheer - Hannah Colson, daughter of J.P. and Missy Colson.



Cheer - Shayla Ashley, daughter of Stacey and Marshall Ashley.



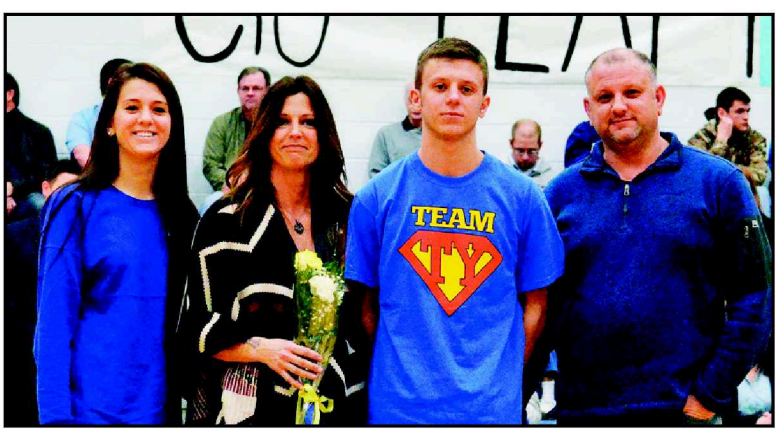
Cheer - Olivia Cahill, daughter of Pat and Billie Cahill.



Cheer - Aprille Johnson, daughter of Tim and Darla Johnson.



Wrestling - Dakota Willoughby, son of Brandy King and Kevin Willoughby



Basketball - Logan Cummins, son of Pam and Rick Kinman and Mark and Brooke Cummins.



Basketball - Aaron Hicks, son of Bonnie and Robert Hicks.



Wrestling - Bradley Fryman, son of Christina and Heath Fryman.



Football - Luke O'Nan, son of Jody O'Nan and Ellen O'Nan.



Wrestling - Austin Gripshover, son of Dave and Annette Gripshover.



Wrestling - Brandon Hopper, son of Tony and Amanda Hopper (step-mom)



Wrestling - Joey Roundtree, son of Dwayne and Stephanie Roundtree.



Number one basketball fan - Trevor Dean was named number one basketball fan of the season. He is the son of Alice Dean.

WHS Senior night



Cheer - Kayla Harrell, daughter of Sandy and Tim Harrell



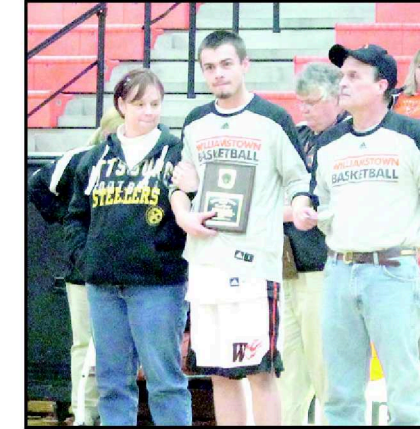
Cheer - Hannah Kinsey, daughter of Julie and Mark Kinsey



Cheer - Macy Goetz, daughter of Mark and Barb Goetz



Cheer - Ali Mann, daughter of Sandra Mann



Basketball - David Jump, son of Tina and Jeff Jump



Basketball - Chaz Jordan, son of Henry and Angel Jordan



Cheer - Morgan Threlkeld, daughter of Clarice and Ford Threlkeld



Cheer - Isabelle Ridder, daughter of Andrea Eastwood and Michael Clemons

Not pictured is WHS senior basketball player JJ Hernandez

Photos by Nicole Hankinson and Olivia Harden

POLICE REPORTS

(Editor's Note: The Grant County News publishes all items in police beat that are submitted from each individual police agency. The News does not omit names from police reports.)

Grant County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Tony Stigers charged **Scott Chapman**, 52, of Dry Ridge, with assault in the fourth degree, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana, at 1:12 a.m. Feb. 9 on Napoleon-Mt. Zion Road. Chapman was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Sgt. Dennis Switzer executed a warrant for **Angela M. East**, 40, of Crittenden, for unlawful distribution of meth precursor and probation violation, at 1 p.m. Feb. 10 on Barnes Road. East was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Deputy Tony Stigers executed a warrant for **Brandi M. Manning**, 25, of Jonesville, for possession of a controlled substance, at 12:48 a.m. Feb. 11 on Jonesville Road. Manning was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Deputy Mike Wright charged **Debora S. Fulmer**, 35, of Dry Ridge, with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol and possession of an open container, at 5:35 p.m. Feb. 11 on S. Main Street. Fulmer was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Deputy Scott Brown executed a warrant for **Johnny Brown**, 31, of Crittenden, for failure to appear in court,

at 3:08 p.m. Feb. 14 on Spears Lane. Brown was also charged with possession of marijuana. Brown was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Deputy Scott Conrad executed a warrant for **Adam W. Horine**, 30, of Dry Ridge, for contempt of court, at 4:17 p.m. Feb. 14 on S. Main Street. Horine was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Sgt. Brian Maines investigated an accident at 3:35 p.m. Feb. 3 on N. Main Street. The drivers involved were **Charles T. Nelson II**, 45, of Williamstown, driving a 1986 Chevrolet and **Keith G. McKenney**, 46, of Dry Ridge, driving a 1979 Toyota.

Deputy Mike Wright investigated an accident at 1:53 p.m. Feb. 9 on Baker-Williams Road. The drivers involved were **Corey Brown**, 24, of Williamstown, driving a 2003 Dodge and **William C. Gordon**, 25, of Williamstown, driving a 2006 Chevrolet.

Deputy Mike Wright investigated an accident at 6:48 p.m. Feb. 9 on U.S. 25. The driver involved was **Edgar J. Brinkman**, 51, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2013 Dodge.

Deputy Andy Reeves investigated an accident at 1:10 p.m. Feb. 10 on Farrell Drive. The drivers involved were **David D. Owens**, 60, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2013 Ford and **Rhonda L. Morrow**, 64, of Crittenden, driving a 2007 Toyota.

Sgt. Dennis Switzer investigated an accident at **James A. Mardis**, 35, of Ryland Heights, driving a 2002 Ford and **Gregory**

S. King, 45, of Crittenden, driving a 1996 Ford.

The sheriff's office served 62 summons/subpoenas, served 55 hours in court, executed a emergency protective order, investigated three accidents involving out-of-county residents, executed two warrants involving out-of-county residents and drove 680 miles transporting prisoners.

Kentucky State Police

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Ashley Code**, 20, of Dry Ridge, at 2:57 p.m. Feb. 10 on Barnes Road. Code was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **James E. Loman**, 54, of Williamstown, at 3:34 a.m. Feb. 10 on Interstate 75. Loman was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police charged **Aaron Jump**, 22, of Williamstown, for drug paraphernalia and driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, at 12:23 a.m. Feb. 10 on Stewartsville Road. Jump was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Connie D. Campbell**, 44, of Williamstown, at 10:07 p.m. Feb. 11 on Turner Road. Campbell was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Nathan Peters**, 35, of Crittenden, at 7:37 p.m. Feb. 12 on Broadway Street. Peters

was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Brittany Dotson**, 26, of Dry Ridge, at 11:51 p.m. Feb. 13 on Violet Road. Dotson was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police charged **Zack Mullins**, 30, of Dry Ridge, with driving without a license and driving under the influence, at 9:16 p.m. Feb. 14 on Dixie Highway. Mullins was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Jessica Setters**, 27, of Dry Ridge, at 10:01 a.m. Feb. 15 on Dixie Highway. Setters was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police charged **Paul Colson**, 50, of Crittenden, with driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, careless driving, failure to wear seatbelt and failure to signal, at 2:35 a.m. Feb. 16 on Violet Road. Colson was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police charged **Jerry Colson**, 57, of Dry Ridge, with alcohol intoxication, at 2:35 a.m. Feb. 16 on Violet Road. Colson was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Trooper Charles Loudermilk investigated an accident at 5:26 p.m. Feb. 15 on Broadway Street. The drivers involved were an **unknown hit-and-run** and **Terri Wright**, 47, of Williamstown, driving a 2014 Chevrolet.

Trooper Jason Ritter

investigated an accident at 6:29 p.m. Feb. 16 on Taft Highway. The drivers involved were **Lawrence F. Butler**, 68, of Marysville, Mich., driving a 2001 Ford and **Jeffrey Carpenter**, 59, of Crittenden, driving a 2002 Ford.

Trooper Charles Loudermilk investigated an accident at 11:36 p.m. Feb. 16 on Jonesville Road. The driver involved was **Robert Crittendon**, 51, of Jonesville, driving a 2006 Chevrolet.

Williamstown

Officer Matt Boshears cited **Foster L. Webster**, 48, of Williamstown, with no registration plates, no registration receipt and failure to produce insurance card, at 4:13 p.m. Feb. 1 on N. Main Street.

Officer Matt Boshears executed a warrant for **Eric McGuire**, 34, of Williamstown, for probation violation, at 6:20 p.m. Feb. 1 on Barnes Road. McGuire was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Officer Matt Boshears executed a warrant for **Matthew Phillips**, 23, of Williamstown, for probation violation, at 6:22 p.m. Feb. 1 on Barnes Road. Phillips was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Williamstown Police charged **Angela East**, 40, of Crittenden, with public intoxication, at 10:41 a.m. Feb. 7 on Barnes Road. East was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Officer Matt Boshears cited **Troy L. Alford**, 53, of Williamstown, with failure to wear seatbelts, at 2:41 p.m. Feb. 13 on Cherry Hill Drive.

Officer Matt Boshears cited **Daryl R. Mason**, 28, of Dry Ridge, with disregarding a stop sign, operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license, failure to surrender revoked operators license and failure to notify Department of Transportation of address change, at 9:19 p.m. Feb. 13 on the Dry Ridge-By-pass.

Officer Brad Morris cited **Gary Noel**, 28, of Dry Ridge, with operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license and speeding, at 8:15 p.m. Feb. 15 on N. Main Street.

Officer Chris Collins investigated an accident at 12:01 a.m. Feb. 13 on N. Main Street. The drivers were **Amanda J. Campbell**, 26, of Falmouth, driving a 1998 Mercury and **Michael W. Palmer**, 39, of Williamstown, driving a 1989 Chevrolet.

Officer Matt Boshears investigated an accident at 6:39 p.m. Feb. 14 on N. Main Street. The drivers involved were **Loren W. Gordon**, 37, of Williamstown, driving a 1996 Chevrolet and **Pamela S. Wolfe**, 44, of Corinth, driving a 2004 Dodge.

Williamstown Police executed three warrants involving out-of-county residents, cited an out-of-county resident with operating on a suspended license and investigated an accident involving an out-of-county resident.

FOR THE RECORD

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Nov. 12:
(Special Warranty Deed) Robert A. Mitts, Successor Trustee of the Donald B. Mitts Revocable Trust to Robert A. Mitts, Donald L. Mitts, Janice Mitts and Rosemary Mitts Culbertson, Sherman and Newtown Pike property, \$85,000

Nov. 13:
(Quit Claim Deed) Randall E. Magee, Jr. to Rachel E. Magee, Elliston Napoleon Road property, \$79,600

Nov. 14:
(Quit Claim Deed) Wells Fargo Bank to CR Capital Group, LLC, lot 19 of Willow Glen Subdivision \$50,000

Nov. 15:
(Special Warranty Deed) Bank of America to James Joseph Bell, lot 44, Section 1 of Eagle Creek Subdivision, \$123,000

Shannon Godman and Roxanne Godman to Shannon Godman and Raymond Godman, lot 4, Section B of Lakeview Manor Subdivision, \$26,901

Nov. 18:
Todd J. Smider and Carol D. Smider to Carol Abbott, North Main Street property in Williamstown, \$120,000

David Lane to Henry R. Roop and Frances July Roop, Kenny Road property, \$147,500

(Quit Claim Deed) Dara Florek and Jeffery Florek to Jeffery Florek, lot 31, Section 3 of Deer Run Estates, \$270,000

(Quit Claim Deed) Gary Lemons and Marilyn Lemons to Daniel J. Lemons, Trustee, lot 49 and 50, Section 3 of Winnie McGee Subdivision, \$80,000

(General Warranty Deed) J. J. Bravo Investments, LLC to Charles Michael Melton, Tina R. Melton, Jorden Spencer Vaughn and Casey Renee Vaughn, Lebanon Road property, \$210,000

Nov. 19:
(Quit Claim Deed) Shawna L. Miller to Brian S. Miller, Hopewell Road property, \$80,000

(Special Warranty Deed) Nationstar Mortgage LLC to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Falmouth Street property, \$126,667

Nov. 20:
(General Warranty Deed) Correa Family, LLC to ARRM Properties, LLC, Blackburn Lane property, \$305,000

Nov. 21:
(Quit Claim Deed) Donald A. Fay and Elizabeth A. Fay, Trustees of the Fay Family Living Trust to Donald A. Fay and Elizabeth A. Fay, Trustees of the Fay Family Living Trust, lot 22, Block F of Cottonwood Acres, \$90,000
(Commissioner's Deed) Wells Fargo Bank, Stephanie R. Dickerson, Danny Dickerson, Unknown Defendant, Spouse

of Rose A. Jones, Unknown Defendants, who are the heirs or devisees or legatees of Rose A. Jones & their spouses and any unknown person who may have an interest in the property which is the subject matter of this action, by Edward M. Bourne, Master Commissioner to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation,, lot 46, Section 1 of Eagle Ridge Subdivision, \$46,700

Nov. 22:
(Commissioner's Deed) Kentucky Housing Corporation, Roger Thomas, Janice Thomas, Mike Albert Leasing, Assignee of Fifth Third Bank, by Edward M. Bourne, Master Commissioner to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Latimer Lane property, \$53,434
(Quit Claim Deed) The Estate of Henry F. Skirvin, by Kathryn Kyde and Deborah Padgett, co-executors to Grandchildren's Trust, lot 8 of Ashbrooke Subdivision, \$65,000

(General Warranty Deed) Julie Scott Jernigan and Fred S. Jernigan, Jr. to Michael A. Loman and Suzanne Loman, Lawrenceville Road property, \$150,000
(Quit Claim Deed) Sarah Campbell to Bradley Cross, lot 93, Section 3 of Brentwood Estates Subdivision, \$1.

Nov. 25:
Philip R. Brumfield to Jude

S. Hehman and Peter J. Hehman, Juett Road property, \$42,849

Mose M. Brock and Naomi Brock to Joanna K. Davis, Lemon Northcutt Road property, \$96,500
T. Kamren Colson, executor and sole beneficiary of the Estate of Margaret Colson, deceased, to T. Kamren Colson, Heekin Road property, \$95,100

T. Kamren Colson, executor and sole beneficiary of the Estate of Margaret Colson, deceased, to T. Kamren Colson, North Main Street property in Williamstown, \$79,000

T. Kamren Colson, executor and sole beneficiary of the Estate of Margaret Colson, deceased, to T. Kamren Colson, Heekin Road property, \$70,000

(Special Warranty Deed) Wells Fargo Financial to Thomas W. Ballard and Patricia L. Ballard, lot 34, Section 2 of Stith Subdivision, \$119,900

(Sole Ownership-Cash Deed for Kentucky) Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Kayleen Lawless, lot 15 of Dr. William H. Middendorfs, \$75,000

(Commissioner's Deed) Wells Fargo Financial Kentucky, Inc., Jeffery Jackson, Heather Jackson, County of Grant, FIA Card Services, Cavalry Portfolio Services, LLC, Advantage Assets II, LLC, Citibank South Dakota, Com-

monwealth of Kentucky, Education Cabinet Ex Rel, and Division of Unemployment Insurance, by Edward M. Bourne, Master Commissioner to Wells Fargo Financial Kentucky, Inc., lot 107, 108 and 153 of Cabana Shores Subdivision, \$26,667

Nov. 26:
(Warranty Deed) Troy Lyne Tashima, Diane M. Tashima, Eric Daniel Collins and Lauren Kathleen Collins to Diane M. Tashima, Troy Lyne Tashima and Eric Daniel Collins, Elliston Mt. Zion Road property, \$32,000

Civil Suits:

Aug. 7:
Brenda Janell Arnett vs. Nicholas Ryan Arnett, petition for dissolution of marriage

Sept. 17:
Katie Elizabeth Becker vs. Matthew David Becker, petition for dissolution of marriage

Ruth Kingan vs. Bruce E. Kingan, petition for dissolution of marriage and transfer to Grant County Trustees of IBEW Local No. 212 Pension Plan and Trust vs. Rose Electrical Service, Inc., and Rose Electrical, LLC, jury verdict in favor of plaintiff

Sept. 18:
Larry Mitchell and Joan Mitchell vs. Kenneth Gabbard and Leatha Conrad, Grant County Clerk, obligations not met from

contract

Sept. 19:
Barbara Vaughn vs. Shawn L. Saylor and Safeco Insurance Company of Illinois, seeking damages due from an auto accident

Sept. 20:
Baptist Convalescent Center, Inc. vs. Linda Helen Louise Jones, default of payment on note JPMorgan Chase Bank vs. Karen S. Lunsford, Columbia National, Fifth Third Bank, Chase Bank and Unknown Defendant, Spouse of Karen S. Lunsford, default of payment on note

Sept. 24:
FIA Card Services vs. Pamela J. White, default of payment on note Wells Fargo Bank vs. Tiffany Manning, Unknown Defendant, Spouse of Tiffany Manning, Tomi Paino, Angelo Paino, James Maxwell, Stella Maxwell, Terry Maxwell, Unknown Defendant, Spouse of Terry Maxwell and BAHs, default of payment on note

Sept. 25:
William Barkley Owen vs. Lonzie Wadenna Owen, petition for dissolution of marriage

Kimberly Lund vs. Jeffery Lund, petition for dissolution of marriage

Sept. 26:
Keith Kinmon vs. Jeremy Fryman, default of payment on note and trespassing

BUILDING PERMITS

• Jan. 6
Clark Contractors, 3710 Crittenden-Mt. Zion Road, repair, 522 square feet, estimated cost \$12,000; permit fee \$125.74.

• Jan. 14
Tabernacle Baptist Church, 6350 Warsaw Road, addition, 1,440 square feet, estimated cost \$30,000; permit fee \$307.40.

Jacob Erbskorn, 44 A Roselawn Drive, wood stove, estimated cost \$2,000; permit fee \$50.

• Jan. 17
Grant County Board of Education, 305 School Road, renovation, estimated cost \$3,827,000; permit fee \$4,511.64.

• Jan. 24
Brian Miller, 600 Alexander Road, new home, 2,549 square feet, estimated cost \$230,000; permit fee \$821.40.

• Jan. 29
Michael Jarvis, 1005 Verona-Mt. Zion Road, pole

barn, 1,800 square feet, estimated cost \$25,000; permit fee \$203.28.

• Jan. 30
Hildred Baker, Stewartsville, pole barn, 2,400 square feet, estimated cost \$18,000; permit fee \$335.28.

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WHS SENIOR: continues cancer fight, begins radiation

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Skyler went through four 21-day cycles of chemotherapy at Cincinnati Childrens’ Hospital.

After her chemo treatments were complete, scan results were not as good as the doctors had hoped.

The doctors collectively decided Skyler should undergo radiation treatments to all of her cancerous areas.

She was expected to begin radiation Feb. 10 at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center with 20-minute treatments done Monday through Friday for six weeks.

“I knew there were those few lymph nodes in my chest that did not shrink like they were supposed to,” Skyler said. “So, I always knew in the back of my mind that the possibility was very great (I may have to go through radiation.) So, whenever I found out for sure, it didn’t really bother me because I prepared myself for it.”

The seemingly always upbeat Skyler said the experience has taken a bigger toll on her mother, Deanna Faulker, a cardiac nurse at St. Elizabeth-Florence.

“Nobody wants to see their child or in pain,” Skyler said. “I know she was disappointed when she found out. She was like, ‘Why can’t my baby just be done already?’ It’s just something I’ve got to do. It will be fine. I’m ready.”

Deanna admits the past few months have been emotional watching her daughter fight cancer. However, her spirits have been lifted seeing how Skyler has dealt with everything. “Skyler has been so strong and brave, which has made it a little bit easier for me,” she said. “I have been off work since her first surgery in October and I wouldn’t trade anything for



WHS senior Skyler Faulkner, right, and her mother, Deanna Faulkner, left, commemorate Skyler's final day of chemotherapy. Skyler recently started radiation treatments that are expected to last six weeks. Photo submitted.

the time we’ve had together. She truly is my best friend.” Despite losing her hair, Skyler said chemo treatments were not as difficult as she imagined.

She was fortunate to never get sick although she did have to deal with other side effects.

She no longer drinks out of glasses after dropping too many because of the lack of wrist muscles.

“Honestly, it’s just not being able to do what I want to do,” Skyler said. “I lost so much muscle. They told me it’s part of being inactive and part of the illness. I’m on homecoming court and I bought these new pair of shoes. The heel was like a two and a half-inch heel and I went to stand in them and I physically could not hold myself up in them. My ankles just curled under. I can’t do dance. I can’t do any of my jumps or leaps anymore. That is just so frustrating. It used to be that I could jump around here and there. I could do anything.”

She may not have been able to wear the two-inch heels, but that did not stop Skyler from attending WHS’s homecoming dance.

Especially as a senior, Skyler said it was exciting to get dressed up, take pictures and go to the dance with close friends.

Her classmates even named her homecoming queen, alongside David Jump as homecoming king.

“Skyler is such a beautiful person inside and out,

so of course I was happy for her and a proud Mom,” Deanna said. “She was chosen by her peers for a reason.”

Since her diagnosis, support for Skyler has come not only from her friends and family, but throughout the Grant County community.

T-shirts were made and fundraisers were organized to raise money for medical expenses.

“It’s just been awesome,” Skyler said. “That’s not something you ask for. That’s not something you expect. It’s something that comes out of the kindness of people’s hearts. It’s just amazing. So many people are willing to help. Everybody wants to give you 100 percent. It pushes you and makes you feel better.”

With high school graduation only months away, Skyler already has her sights on her future.

She has been accepted into Northern Kentucky University, where she plans to major in communications.

Her first year will likely be spent taking classes at the NKU-Grant County Center and living at home before heading off to the main campus.

“When this happened, I thought I could work for the American Cancer Society,” Skyler said. “Why wouldn’t I get hired, I am a survivor. Or, I could work for Childrens’ Hospital. So, I feel like, in a way, this has been a blessing and helped everything fall into place.”

After radiation is complete, Skyler will undergo more scans to see if the cancer is gone.

She will be watched closely for two years to make sure that, if the cancer is gone, it does not make a more aggressive reoccurrence.

Going through radiation also puts Skyler at a 35-percent higher risk of getting breast cancer.

Therefore, she will be have cancer screenings be-

ginning at 25 years old.

“This has been one heck of a journey for Skyler and myself,” Deanna said. “Radiation is very effective in destroying the DNA of Hodgkin’s lymphoma, but unfortunately radiation itself increases Skyler’s risk of developing other cancers. So, as Skyler endures the radiation treatments and she will soon enough be back to her everyday life, I only hope and pray that she never has to fight cancer again. “

No matter her strength throughout this fight, Skyler admits she is looking forward to getting back to normal and being a cancer survivor.

“I’ll always carry this with me, but in the most positive way because I don’t have anything bad to say about it,” she said. “It’s really been an eye-opening experience for the best. I can handle another two months. That’s no big deal. I’ve come this far.”

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE GRANT CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 12-CI-00298	
Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P.	PLAINTIFF
VS. AMENDED NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE	
Arthur Bishop Betty Bishop aka Betty S. Bishop Commonwealth of Kentucky - Finance and Administration Cabinet ** **	DEFENDANTS
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on February 6, 2014, and a subsequent order entered on January 16, 2013, I will sell at public auction on the front steps of the Grant County Courthouse, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2014 , at the hour of 11:00 a.m. , prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows: Said real estate is situated in Grant County, Kentucky, and bounded as follows: Lying and being in Grant County, Kentucky on the North side of Kentucky Route 36, 0.1 mile west of Denny Road and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a found Mag Nail in the center of Kentucky Route 36 at a corner of Mike O'Hara, (D.B. 270, pgs., 414 and 418); thence with the center of said road, N 89° 12' 13" W 73.53 feet to a found Mag Nail; thence S 82° 06' 58" W 69.82 feet to a found Mag Nail; thence S 73° 52' 14" W 74.04 feet to a found Mag Nail; thence S 63° 30' 39" W 25.23 feet to a set Mag Nail; thence leaving said road with one new made line partitioning the Grantor's property, N 05° 10' 23" W 292.49 feet to a set iron pin in the line of Joseph McKnight (D.B. 264, pg. 231); thence with the lines of McKnight N 84° 49' 28" E 210.25 feet to a 10" twin Hickory; thence N 16° 06' 55" E 459.27 feet to a 14" Hickory; thence N 00° 18' 53" E 52.37 feet to a P.K. Nail found in a 24" Oak in the line of Joseph McKnight, (D.B. 273, page 676); thence with the line of McKnight, N 75° 28' 05" E 139.66 feet to a found iron pin (Hicks & Mann, Inc.) a corner to Mike O'Hara S 12° 31' 29" W 823.48 feet to the place of beginning, containing 3.4823 acres, more or less, exclusive of all right of ways and easements of record. Unless state otherwise, any monument referred to herein as a set iron pin is a 1/2" Iron rebar 18" in length with a yellow cap stamped L.S. 3407.3316. All bearings state herein are referred to from the magnetic meridian as observed on May 8, 2001. The above description is in accordance with a survey made by W. Thomas Leach with Hicks & Mann, Inc. on May 08, 2001. Being the same property conveyed to Arthur Bishop and Betty S. Bishop, husband and wife, by deed dated January 28, 2002 and in Deed Book 276, Page 306 in the Office of the Grant County Clerk. See also Deed Book 309, Page 792 and Deed Book 315, Page 441. Arthur Bishop having died on January 14, 2010 leaving Betty S. Bishop as sole titleholder by right of survivorship. Less and Except: Lying and being in Grant County, Kentucky on the North side of Kentucky Route 35, 0.15 miles West of Danny Road and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a found Mag Nail in the center of Kentucky Route 35 a corner to Abercrombie, (D.B. 270, page 547); thence with the center of said road, N 73° 52' 14" E 12.06 feet to a set Mag Nail; thence leaving said road with a new made line partitioning Abercrombie's property, N 14° 27' 18" W and passing a set iron pin @ 44.72 feet for a total of 219.13 feet to a 6" apple tree in the line of Abercrombie; thence with the line of Abercrombie S 06° 10' 23" E 227.73 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.0918 acres more or less, exclusive of all right of ways and easements of record. The above description is in accordance with a survey made by W. Thomas Leach with Hicks & Mann, Inc. on May 2002. <u>Property Address: 8620 Cordova Road, Berry, KY</u> There is a mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home included in the sale. The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$81,084.57) together with accrued interest thereon to 8/27/2012, in the amount of TWELVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS (\$12,981.85) and interest thereafter at the rate of FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-TWO CENTS (\$14.72) per day until the entire amount has been paid in full; together with advancements for the protection of the property, including taxes and insurance (negative escrow) in the amount of THREE THOUSAND TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY-EIGHT CENTS; together with late charges in the amount of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FOUR CENTS (\$25.84) and together with reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1,150.00) and court costs in the amount of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE DOLLARS AND FIVE CENTS (1,523.05). The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 12% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs. The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following: a. All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2014 b. Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record; c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property; d. Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose. For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Grant County.	
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE GRANT CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 12-CI-00397	
Bank of America, N.A.	PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE	
Harrison Ward, et al.	DEFENDANT
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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on February 6, 2014, and a subsequent order entered on March 13, 2013, I will sell at public auction on the front steps of the Grant County Courthouse, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014 , at the hour of 11:00 a.m. , prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows: Said real estate is situated in Grant County, Kentucky, and bounded as follows: The following described real estate situated in Grant County, Kentucky, to-wit: Lying and being in Grant County, Kentucky on the east side of U.S. route #25 and the Norfolk Southern Railroad opposite the intersection of Eibeck Lane, a part of tract #4 of the Hilltop Subdivision, recorded at plat book 1, page 76 & 77 of the Grant County Court Clerks records, and more particularly described as follows to-wit: Unless otherwise stated all references to an "iron pin set" described and 18" long 1/2' diameter rebar with cap stamped "LS 2709". The basis of bearing for this description is the west line of deed book 230 page 334, S 22 degrees 00' 00" E. Beginning at an iron pin and in the north right of way line of the Norfolk Southern Railroad at the southwest corner of the Clark Cemetery, said point being 50 feet east of the center line of said railroad; thence with said right of way, the arc of a curve deflecting to the left having a radius of 6,408.24 feet, arc length of 141.34 feet and a chord of S 01 degrees 20' 30" E - 141.34 feet to an iron pin set in said right of way at the common corner of parcels "A" and "B", said point being the real place of beginning for this description; thence leaving said right of way and with the south lines of parcel "A", four new made lines partitioning tract #4 of the Hilltop Subdivision, S 53 degrees 19' 12" E - 129.28 feet to an iron pin set; thence S 28 degrees 35' 03" E - 124.00 feet to an iron pin set; thence S 57 degrees 18' 16" E - 81.93 feet to an iron pin set by a twin hickory; thence S 63 degrees 20' 27" E - 175.15 feet to an iron pin set by a steel post in the line of Howard Ray Conrad & Kathy Conrad, deed book 230, page 284; thence with said line S 43 degrees 27' 19" E - 343.80 feet to a post a corner to Dolly Stames, deed book 114, page 87 and Robert E. Snow, deed book 228, page 539, thence with the lines of Snow, S 33 degrees 13' 10" W - 48.94 feet to a post thence S 45 degrees 48' 00" W - 696.92 feet to an iron pin set by a steel post in the east right of way line of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, said point being 50 feet from center; thence with said right of way, N 06 degrees 01' 45" W - 422.84 feet to a point; thence N 83 degrees 58' 15 seconds E - 20.00 feet to a point; thence N 06 degrees 01' 45" W - 100.00 feet to a point; thence S 83 degrees 58' 15" W - 20.00 feet to a point; thence N 06 degrees 01' 45" W - 116.25 feet to a point at the intersection of a passway as shown in plat book #1, page 76; thence continuing with said right of way, N 06 degrees 01' 45" W - 7.71 feet to a point, thence with the arc of a curve deflecting to the right having a radius of 6408.24 feet, arc length of 443.25 feet and a chord of N 03 degrees 57' 18" W - 443.16 feet to the real place of beginning containing 7.4205 acres more or less exclusive of all right of ways and easements of record. The above described parcel "B" 7.4205 acres has the use of a passway as shown on the attached plat and records in plat book 1, page 76. Being the same property conveyed to Kathy A. Brewer Ward and Harrison Ward, wife and husband who acquired title, with rights of survivorship, by virtue of a deed from Ideal Homes LLC, Ellen Ishmael, member, dated February 22, 2002, filed April 13, 2002, recorded in Deed Book D278, Page 723, County Clerk's Office, Grant County, Kentucky. <u>Property Address: 916 South Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky 41097</u> <u>Parcel #: 059-00-00-020.00</u> There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home included in the sale. The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of \$89,550.85, together with accrued interest thereon to July 1, 2010, and interest thereafter at the rate of 6% from July 1, 2010 (per diem interest in the amount of \$14.72) until the entire amount has been paid in full; plus late fees, costs, attorney's fees, and other advances made pursuant to the terms of the Note. The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 12% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs. The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following: a. All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2014 b. Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record; c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property; d. Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose. For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Grant County.	
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE GRANT CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 09-CI-00139	
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE	
Dorothy Toms Unknown Defendant, Spouse of Dorothy Toms ** **	DEFENDANTS
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on February 6, 2014, I will sell at public auction on the front steps of the Grant County Courthouse, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2014 , at the hour of 11:00 a.m. , prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows: Said real estate is situated in Grant County, Kentucky, and bounded as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on the north side of Violet Road, 0.3 Mile West of Interstate 75 in the City of Crittenden, Grant County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: All of one certain Lot in Grant County, Kentucky known as Lot Ten (10) in the Harvesters, Section Two as recorded in Plat Book 6, of the Grant County Clerk's Records, Williamstown, Kentucky, which said plat is incorporated herein by reference as though it were fully set forth herein. Said property was conveyed to Dorothy Toms, her heirs and assigns forever, by Hewitt Associates LLC, on April 26, 2006, by a deed recorded on May 15, 2006, in Deed Book 317, Page 345. <u>Property Address: 120 Waller Drive, Crittenden, Kentucky 41030</u> <u>PIDN: 042-05</u> There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home included in the sale. The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED-ELEVEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$124,511.68) together with accrued interest thereon to February 15, 2013, in the amount EIGHTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTEEN CENTS (\$18,164.15) and interest thereafter at the rate of TWENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$21.75) per day until the entire amount has been paid in full; together with advancements for Hazard/Homeowners Insurance in the amount of THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY-ONE CENTS (\$3,842.51); together with advances for taxes in the amount of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY-FOUR CENTS (\$1,587.54); together with advances for Property Inspections/Preservation in the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$180.00); and together with reasonable attorneys' fees in the amount of ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,700.00) and court costs in the amount of THREE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE DOLLARS AND SIXTY-TWO CENTS (\$349.62); and less the amount of THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NINETY-FOUR CENTS (\$3,375.94) as an Unapplied Funds Credit. The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 12% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs. The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following: a. All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2014 b. Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record; c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property; d. Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose. For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Grant County.	
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A SOLDIER’S STORY: POW’s remains return home

By Jamie Baker-Nantz
Editor

Dorothy Gordon Gayheart clutched an enhanced color photograph of her baby brother tightly in her worn, wrinkled hands as she intently studied another photograph and diagram of his remains. Tears sprang to her weathered, but sharp eyes as she looked at him for the first time since he left Grant County when he joined the Korean War as a soldier.

Paul Marshall Gordon went missing in January 1951, but his family never gave up hope as they spent 60 years waiting for him to come home.

Later this year, his remains will be removed from Hawaii to Williamstown for a burial with full military honors in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North.

Negotiations between the United States and North Korea in recent years have resulted in field investigation and excavation teams being allowed into North Korea to search for the remains of missing service members.

In 1999, the military took DNA samples from Paul’s living siblings, Artha Gordon and Gayheart, to aid in identifying Paul.

After receiving 15 boxes of remains, the military began the long, arduous process of piecing the remains together.

In 2010, the military was able to positively identify Paul’s remains using DNA technology, but did not notify the family until last month that their brother and uncle had been entombed at the Punch Bowl Cemetery in Hawaii since 1992.

“My father died not knowing he had been found, but he told us what he wanted us to do if they ever found him,” said Paula Gordon, Paul’s niece, who was named for her uncle.

Last week, three members of the military from Ft. Knox met with the Gordon family to brief them on what had been pieced together about Paul’s last days and how he came to be in Hawaii.

Four nephews and a niece joined Paul’s sister in a semi-circle around the military personnel in the youth center at Sherman Baptist Church.

“We weren’t able to get the official personnel file but we did try to find additional documents from our file, but a lot of the historical documents have been lost,” said Jeanette Bogle, a senior mortuary affairs specialist.

But Paul’s family, especially his mother, faithfully kept, now faded newspaper clippings each time a list of Prisoners Of War (POW) or Missing In Action (MIA) were released. Each clipping and letter from the army through the years reminded the family the military was still looking for Paul, were lovingly placed in a photo album.

“All these news clippings you’ve got are great,” Bogle told the Gordon family, as she looked through them, as well as photos of



Jeannette Bogle examines a photo of Paul Marshall Gordon with his niece, Paula Gordon and nephew, Tony Gayheart during a de-briefing last week. Left, Bogle and William Cox, Senior Mortuary Affairs Specialists, go over the military’s report on Paul’s death with his sister, Dorothy, and niece and four nephews. Photos by Jamie Baker-Nantz

Paul and his family.

The family was also given a CD and bound copy of the documents the army was able to piece together concerning Paul.

“It is not uncommon with conflicts for soldiers to become missing and years later other prisoners are released and they tell us they saw him here or there,” said Bogle.

The Gordon family learned that Paul’s unit came under heavy fire while trying to gain control in Korea and were forced to withdraw. When the unit attempted to re-group, 33 members, including Paul were missing.

“There were no eye witnesses so they reported him missing because they didn’t have any information,” Bogle said.

Following the end of the Korean War, the U.S. and Korean government worked out three different exchanges of wounded, injured and dead, but Bogle said Paul’s remains were not found then.

During Operation Glory, Bogle said Korea agreed to return 4,023 sets of remains. Of those 1,868 were determined to be American and only 848 were positively identified and sent to the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii.

“We are working to get those remains disinterred because now DNA testing allows us to identify them,” Bogle said.

Between 1990 through 1994,

the U.S. received 208 crates of remains from Korea.

In May 1992, the Peoples Republic of Korea turned over 15 crates of remains to the U.S. government and parts of Paul’s remains were found in all 15 of those boxes, William Cox, also a senior mortuary affairs specialist said.

“Anthropologists, once opening the boxes, realized the remains had been co-mingled,” Cox said. “We believe 400 guys are represented in those boxes so there’s always a possibility of more coming back because of the way they did the boxes. It’s like three puzzles being thrown on the floor and you’re told to put them together.”

The military was able to identify 37 different individuals from the 15 boxes.

“What we do know from the 15 boxes is that all those remains came from the same province in North Korea,” Bogle said.

Paul Gordon makes the 38th soldier identified from that group.

Portions of his skull, arm bones and both leg bones were recovered.

“It is not a complete set, but a pretty decent amount of remains that have been recovered,” Bogle said.

As Dorothy viewed the photos of her long, lost brother, tears seeped from her eyes.

Paula quietly crossed the room

and kissed her mother’s forehead.

It is possible that more of Paul’s remains could be located in Hawaii and if they are recovered, the family has requested they be returned to Grant County and buried with these initial remains. The family’s other option would have been to have them buried at sea with military honors.

After the military reached out to the Gordon family to ask for DNA samples from Artha and Dorothy, they were able to positively identify the remains as Paul’s.

“We found out that Dorothy’s DNA wasn’t a common strain of DNA and there were only nine other servicemen that had this type of DNA,” said Bogle. “Which is why we ran Artha’s DNA and got an exact match so we were able to say without a doubt this is Paul Gordon.”

Bogle said when the Central Identification Lab believes they have a hit on remains, they follow up with an outside lab to determine a positive match.

Much of the problem of identifying lost and missing soldiers in Korea occurs because the Korean government did not keep records of their prisoners.

The army was able to determine that Paul died from an illness, based on interviews conducted with some of his fellow prisoners as they were rescued or released.

“The actual date that his unit retreated and was captured, it was about 20 degrees out, there was snow on the ground with a sharp wind blowing, so the conditions were not good and it was hard on the soldiers,” said Bogle, referring to a report by a U.S. engineer unit in Korea.

The Gordon family learned that Paul was in the infantry but also may have helped cook for the unit.

“I always heard he was a cook,” Dorothy said. “It sounds like him to make cakes for the troops.”

“Did he do that at home?” Bogle asked.

“When mom would let him,” Dorothy answered.

Dorothy signed the official documents accepting the military’s findings and her brother’s remains. Once the family decides on a date for the funeral, Paul will be brought with a military escort to Grant County.

“He will be escorted all the way from Hawaii to Kentucky and given a dignified, plain site honors at the Cincinnati Airport,” Bogle said. “We consider him just like a current day soldier. He died on active service and we’re going to honor that.”

The family is also being assisted by Sgt. First Class Jad Davis, of Corinth.

“You get closure and you get to bring Paul home and give him a proper burial,” Bogle said.

SUSPECT: sought in home invasion

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“He kept calling me by my name so I knew that he knew me,” Brown said. “I never told him my name. I didn’t recognize his voice, but he had a very young voice. If I hear his voice again, I would recognize his voice. I didn’t know what he looked like.”

Brown estimated he was in the bathroom for at least a couple of hours.

The suspect allegedly hung around for awhile going through the home, smoking cigarettes and watching television.

Before leaving, Brown said the suspect said he was going to put a note in someone’s mailbox letting them know that he was in the bathroom so they could let him out.

Brown asked the suspect if he would call his brother, who lives nearby, to let him know so he would not have to stay in the bathroom overnight.

Although Brown gave the suspect his brother’s phone number, it does not appear he ever called.

However, a piece of cardboard was found the following day inside the mailbox of Brown’s brother with the message “”Let Larry out of his bathroom. He is locked in there with no food. He has been robbed” written on it.

Eventually, Brown took the lid off the

back of the tank of the toilet and used it to bust the door down.

“I kept hollering for (the suspect) and he wasn’t answering,” Brown said. “I was coming out of that room. As soon as I got out, I called the police.”

The Grant County Sheriff’s Office received the call from Brown at 11:41 p.m. Feb. 11.

Grant County Sheriff Chuck Dills said the suspect took two pistols, multiple collector knives, a wallet, a checkbook and a 1992 silver Toyota pickup truck with an extended cab, no rear bumper and a Kentucky license plate number HPW228.

The truck has not been located.

“There is no doubt the person who entered knew Mr. Brown and also knew his brother,” Dills said. “He called Larry by name and he knew he had a brother. He even went to his brother’s to put a note in the mailbox to let Larry out. We don’t believe it was a random act.”

Although he lives alone and is unable to walk, Brown said he is not worried about his home being invaded again.

“Next time, I will be ready,” he said. “It won’t happen again.”

Anyone with information about the home invasion or the stolen truck is asked to call the Grant County Sheriff’s Office at 824-3333.

Chamber banquet planned for April 5

The Grant County Chamber of Commerce will host its 44th annual banquet on April 5 at the Josephina (in Hogan’s Mill) in Dry Ridge.

Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

The chamber’s annual awards for Volunteer of the Year, Grant Countian of the Year, as well as for Excellence in Education and Excellence in Business will also be presented.

Reservations are \$45 per person for chamber members and \$50 for non-members. You do not have to be a chamber member to attend the banquet. All reservations must be pre-paid. The deadline for reservations is March 21.

For more information, call Tracie at 859-824-3322.

LIBRARY: ‘Ready to Read’

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The screenings are designed to make sure there aren’t any issues that would keep the child from learning and, if there are, the agency will be there to help the parents make the correct decision, Clemons said.

Approximately 20 vendors will be distributing information about school readiness and giving away free items.

Agencies and organizations expected to attend include First Steps, 4 Cs for Children, Grant County Parks and Recreation, Grant County and Williamstown Family Resource Centers, school nurses, the Northern Kentucky Health

Department, Head Start and the Grant County Extension Office.

To entertain younger attendees, there will be face painting, crafts and physical activities, along with a performance by children’s recording artist Joel Caithamer, known as the Singing Librarian.

Food and door prizes will also be available while supplies last.

No registration is required.

“I hope parents learn the knowledge of what they need to do to give their child every opportunity to succeed in school and to meet the people that can give them the tools to help their children,” Clemons said.

For more information, call the library at 824-2080.